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# CHINESE FORCE WIPED OUT NEAR NT

## Shayuchung Garrison Overwhelmed By Bandits

### SAILOR MISSING AT SEA

The Svarthmoore Victory, one of the Pacific Far East Line's fast freighters on the Trans-Pacific run, arrived here last Tuesday with one of the crew missing.

The missing sailor, one of the 55 American crew, disappeared on her way from Yokohama to Shanghai.

The vessel, which left the Japanese port on July 4 for Hong Kong via Shanghai, turned back towards Japan when word of the loss was received. The six-hour search of the former route for the sailor proved fruitless.

Meanwhile, the Yokohama office of the company is investigating the loss.

The Svarthmoore Victory left on Wednesday morning for Korea after completing her eighth voyage to Hong Kong. She will return late next month.

### INNISKS ORDERED TO MALAYA

Singapore, July 15.

The First Battalion, Inniskilling Fusiliers, stationed in Hong Kong, has been ordered to proceed to Malaya, it was announced here today.

The Inniskilling will comprise the first reinforcements for Malaya, where a small-scale Communist insurrection is under way.

The battalion will "arrive in due course," the announcement said.

In a separate note to editors, the Army asked that "on account of the present emergency" there be no speculation on the date when the Inniskilling will arrive here.

Meanwhile, Chinese "strong arm" bands shot up a police station and badly wounded a Chinese chemist shop owner in more terrorist shootings today.

Both attacks took place in Victoria, the state north of Singapore, which is the worst area for the strong arm bands as distinct from the large guerrilla forces further north.

In the police station attack, at about midnight last night at Ayer Bunan, 80 miles north of Johore Bahru, a sentry returned the fire and drove off the six attackers, one of whom was believed wounded.

The chemist was critically wounded by seven Chinese at Chankok, central Johore. The police have detained one suspect.

—Associated Press and Reuter.

### ANOTHER BLAST AT TITO

London, July 15.

The Communist, in a second blast at Yugoslav Communist leaders, today accused Premier Marshal Tito of conducting a "regime of terror" in Yugoslavia.

The new criticism was published in the Communist bulletin, now printed in Bucharest. It was broadcast by the Bucharest Radio and monitored here by Yle-Radio, an agency paid by Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency.

—Associated Press.

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## Customs Outpost Destroyed: Survivors Brought To HK

A Chinese company, 150 strong, of the 154th Regiment stationed at Shayuchung, 12 miles east of the New Territories border town of Shataukok, was practically wiped out yesterday by a large force of armed men. Only 37 escaped.

### Chinese Assets Abroad

Nanking, July 15.

Draft regulations for the requisition of Chinese assets abroad, particularly in the United States, were introduced before the Legislative Yuan yesterday.

The legislators sponsoring the bill proposed that all deposits and assets valued at more than US\$10,000 should be registered with the Chinese consulates within two months after enforcement of the regulations.

However, assets belonging to overseas Chinese residents "with proper occupations," while also required to be registered, should be exempted from requisition.

Under the proposed regulations, 50 per cent of all assets of US\$10,000 will be requisitioned, while sums above that level will be levied from 10 per cent up to 50 per cent in a graduated scale.

Prison terms from five to 10 years are provided in the proposed regulations for persons failing to report assets.

—United Press.

### BRITON RELEASED

Nanking, July 15.

The Chinese Communists in Manchuria have released a British National, Mr. De Vallee Craig, who arrived in Mukden this morning after five months' detention.

The release was announced by the British Consul in Mukden in a telegram to the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, in Nanking.

Craig was an engineer on a Nationalist steamer, which was captured by the Communists in the harbour of Yinkow, southern Manchuria.

At the beginning of the present month, the Communist radio announced that Craig would be released on July 7 in the Changwu region, north-west of Mukden.

—Agence France Press.

## JEWES CLOSE IN ON NAZARETH

Cairo, July 15.

The Jews said today that Israeli troops have encircled Nazareth from three sides and struck heavy blows at Arab armies in the Jerusalem area.

Jewish sources in Haifa said Israeli units now were within striking distance of Nazareth, main northern Palestine base of Fawzi Pasha al Kaukji's irregular Arab volunteer army.

A despatch from Jewish-held modern Jerusalem said that Israeli forces struck hammer blows at Arab armies around the Holy City in the 12 hours ended at noon yesterday.

A later report from the Arab-controlled Old City said the Arab Legion and tribal riflemen of Transjordan had started a fight for Mount Zion south of the walls. Jewish positions on the mountain threaten the Arab left flank.

Jewish informants in Haifa said the Israeli encirclement of Nazareth was brought about by the capture on Tuesday night and yesterday of Shafa Amir, 11 miles northwest of there, El Mujidi, four miles southwest, and Mahli, three miles east.

Day-long shelling and Israeli air action preceded final occupation of the three villages, they said, and Arab soldiers fled before the advance.

The informants added that the Jews were closing in on Nazareth. The town, traditional boyhood home of Jesus, controls approaches to the all-Jewish valley of Jezel, to the south and Tiberias to the north-east.

The Israeli Air Force raided the Nazareth-Tiberias road, southernmost leg of Kaukji's supply line from Lebanon.

—Associated Press.

### Possible Lifting Of Control

Shanghai, July 15.

Tourists coming to China may soon be permitted to bring in unlimited amounts of foreign currency or gold.

According to an Export and Import Board announcement today, a proposal has been sent to the authorities in Nanking to abolish the Ministry of Finance ruling prohibiting tourists to carry with them no more than US\$100 and 10 ounces of gold.

The proposal also suggested that at the time of departure the tourist should not be permitted to carry out a sum exceeding the amount of foreign currency or gold stated on the passport.

—Reuter.

The Chinese Maritime Customs outpost, recently re-established at Shayuchung, was razed by fire after being looted and occupied for more than four hours.

At least 40 soldiers are known to have been killed in addition to one officer of the Chinese Maritime Customs. Twenty-four Customs and Army personnel, wounded in the battle, were picked up in Mirs Bay and sent to the Kowloon and Queen Mary hospitals last night.

Five Customs officers have been kidnapped. Ten others are missing.

Captain Wong Yat-cheung, who commanded the company, was wounded. He told the "China Mail" last night at the Kowloon Hospital that an estimated 3,000 armed men made a surprise attack on Company Headquarters at about 5 a.m. Simultaneously, an assault was made on the Customs outpost.

Captain Wong said that because of the overwhelming number of attackers, he ordered the company to disperse into the undergrowth on the hillsides and to keep the attackers engaged.

By doing so he hoped to keep down casualties on his side to the minimum and at the same time hold the raiders at bay until reinforcements arrived.

The attackers were armed with machine-guns, rifles and hand grenades, he added. The fighting lasted until after 9 a.m.

"I saw at least 40 of my men fall, I myself was wounded. Fortunately, the attackers withdrew after ransacking the headquarters and setting it on fire, otherwise none of us would have escaped alive," said Captain Wong.

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### Cruiser Sent To Scene

"My men inflicted some casualties on the raiders, but I cannot estimate how many. The company put up a valiant fight."

Captain Wong was one of the seven Chinese Army men who were picked up by Junka and taken to Tsiang in the Kowloon Hospital by police ambulance.

After a signal was received from a Police patrol in Mirs Bay

that fighting was in progress at Shayuchung, Mr. G.N. Gawler, Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and the New Territories, ordered Customs Cruiser A to investigate.

The cruiser arrived back and berthed at West Point at about 7 p.m. Five ambulances were standing by on the waterfront to take 27 wounded Customs personnel to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Among the wounded was Mr. Wong, officer in charge of the Shayuchung Customs outpost. He was suffering from a serious leg wound. The body of the officer killed was also brought back.

### Taken By Surprise

Thirteen of the 17 were Customs guards.

Interviewed in one of the ambulances, a wounded guard told the "China Mail" that they were taken by surprise.

Like the troops, they dispersed into the hills and exchanged shots with the attackers. "Bullets were flying everywhere," he said. The raiders appeared to be well armed. The outpost was captured. Fighting lasted until about 10 a.m. Most of our colleagues were wounded by machine-gun fire and hand grenades.

"There was nothing we could do but fire back and hope that help would come. From our hide-out we saw columns of smoke towering into the sky. Later we found that the outpost had been gutted. We lost all our personal belongings. The raiders captured some of our arms."

"A considerable time after firing had ceased we came out of hiding and found that many of our men had been wounded and were bleeding profusely."

Together with the army survivors, the Customs personnel obtained boats and were later picked up in Mirs Bay by the Customs cruiser.

### Second Attack

An officer on the cruiser told the "China Mail" that everything appeared quiet at Shayuchung when it arrived to pick up the survivors. Apparently, the raiders had withdrawn.

Yesterday's attack on Shayuchung was the second and more serious assault on the Customs outpost there. The little Mirs Bay port, which is washed by British waters, is one of the many entry ports in China used by organized smuggling groups.

Before the Customs station was re-established there, regular smuggling caravans, several miles long, were observed every day leaving the port for the interior.

### Lady Kilbracken Found Shot

Dublin, July 15.

Lady Kilbracken, 43-year-old second wife of Baron Kilbracken, was found shot and seriously wounded on Monday in the grounds of her country home in the hills of County Leitrim, it was disclosed today.

She was brought to miles to a Dublin hospital for treatment.

The hospital reported tonight that she is no longer in danger.

Baron Kilbracken said today that his wife had been in poor health for some time.

Lady Kilbracken was formerly Lady Taylor, a nurse at Brighton, England. She married Baron Kilbracken, now 70, in 1928 after he had been divorced from his first wife.

Lady Kilbracken first met the Baron when he was 20 and was 16. She was his family nurse then.

—Associated Press.

## Picture Of The Day

### Tension In Berlin



An armoured car and armoured jeeps of the U.S. Constabulary patrolling the streets of the American sector of Berlin during the rising tension over the Russian blockade, attract the attention of youngsters as they stop for a rest.

## Wages In Shanghai Almost Doubled

Shanghai, July 15.

The Government today handed workers a mid-month wage increase of nearly 95 per cent. It said that living costs have jumped that much during the first two weeks of this month over June.

In June, living costs increased more than 110 per cent over previous months, according to the Government's statistics.

Workers complained, however, that despite huge increases, the cost of living index—the basis on which wages are computed—did not cover actual living costs.

The index for workers is set at 1,380,000. That is multiplied by the worker's basic wage to determine his pay.

If the worker's wage in 1937 was CN\$1,000 a month, he now gets CN\$138,000,000 a month.

Compared with the black market rate on United States dollars, that is only US\$24.

### KMT Members Expelled

Nanking, July 15.

The Kuomintang Central Standing Committee today upheld the decision of the Central Supervisory Committee to expel from the Party Mr. Chu Hsueh-fen and seven others for disloyalty.

Mr. Chu, now in Hong Kong, is accused of being engaged in subversive activities as Chairman of the "bogus" China Labour Federation.

The others are lesser-known men. They have previously been disowned by the Kuomintang Youth Corps—Reuter-AAP.

### Not Sense

A new twist to China's inflation popped up today: Banks did not have sufficient bank notes on hand to support it.

"It just doesn't make sense," commented a banker.

A cash shortage was felt earlier this week because of unprecedented rises in commodity prices.

Now with big wage raises, the cash shortage threatened to develop into critical proportions.

Banks said they had less than ten per cent of cash reserves.

### Duchess' Car STONED

Brighton, July 15.

Stones were thrown at the parked motorcar of the Duchess of Kent today.

The windmill was said to have been damaged.

Police took into custody a man whose identity was not disclosed.

—United Press.

## FRESH THREAT BY RUSSIANS

### Action To Be Taken On Air Bridge?

Berlin, July 15.

Russian quarters threatened openly for the first time today to impose some form of regulation on air corridors over the Soviet zone by which the Western air fleets are supplying Berlin.

The official Soviet organ, Taegliche Rundschau, said Soviet aviation experts "have come to the conclusion that obviously the time has arrived to regulate the problem of air corridors."

The threat against the last channel of Western communication with Berlin was coupled with a charge that Allied planes on the Berlin supply run were flying blind through areas in which the Soviet air force engage in practice manoeuvres. The army organ, in publishing the charges, said such flying might produce "serious consequences."

It was the most forthright pronouncement yet against the aerial ferry service by which the Western powers are staving off the Berlin squeeze-cut by the Russians.

Perhaps, significantly, it came a few hours after Moscow rejected the protest by the Western powers against the Berlin blockade together with a demand that it be lifted at once.

### Approach To Stalin?

Their position strengthened by the get-tough tenor of the Russian reply, Soviet authorities here were better prepared to hold their line and even try to advance it. Soviet paratroopers were reported to be carrying out "routine training jumps" in the vicinity of the Elstal Soviet airfield on the edge of the Western corridor to Berlin, about 10 miles from the British-operated Gatow airport.

Russian officers at the four-power air safety control centre posted notice of the training manoeuvres on Wednesday. An American pilot reported later he saw a parachute as he approached Berlin.

## CPA Plane Saves Catalina Crew

By guiding a Flying Fortress to a Catalina freighter plane reported missing at sea, a Cathay Pacific airliner was probably instrumental in saving the lives of four members of the crew yesterday.

The CPA plane, VRHD 1, piloted by Captain M. Lothian, was 235 miles off her route to Hong Kong from Manila at 10 a.m. when those on board spotted the distressed plane, for which two United States PB4Y flying boats and a 13th Air Force B-17 rescue plane had been searching.

The crew of the Catalina, comprising Captain R. C. Keller, Pilot M. Gabby, Radio Operator E. Orseno and Engineer M. Jonon, fired a red Very light as the CPA plane circled round. Captain Lothian immediately contacted a Flying Fortress by radio and successfully guided her to the spot. A rubber boat was dropped by the rescue plane.

When relief arrived, the four crew appeared to be in no immediate peril and the aircraft was riding the water comfortably.

Meanwhile, the CPA airliner continued her trip and arrived here shortly before 1 p.m.

The Catalina, chartered by Trans-Asiatic Airlines from the U.S. Navy, was carrying 1,500 lb. of fresh liches consigned for Manila by the Lat Wo Fruit Firm, Hong Kong. The plane made an emergency landing 100 miles off the north tip of Luzon because of engine trouble.

The famed "Black Jack" of World War I took a turn for the worse yesterday afternoon. Army doctors worked minute to minute to prolong his life. But shortly before dawn, the indomitable fighter of three decades ago slipped away.

General Pershing will probably be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with the highest military honours.

—United Press.

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## OWNERS DODGING VEGETABLE MARKET PREFER TO RISK CONFISCATION

Vegetable owners send their goods direct to the markets, instead of passing through the Government Vegetables Wholesale Market, because they want to get them there quicker and save the 10 per cent. commission charged by Government.

## Woman In Tears At Central

Weeping bitterly, Chui Kwai-fong, 35, protested that she was innocent when charged at Central yesterday with loitering and causing an obstruction.

Chui said that she had just been let out of prison and had gone to a Chinese theatre. As she was feeling miserable she and her friend (appearing on a similar charge and also pleading not guilty) had left the theatre and were walking across Hennessy Road when they were arrested.

Corroborating evidence was given by the friend, Chan Kau, but she could not remember what play they had seen nor the names of the actors.

Chui was let off with a caution and Chan was bound over in bond of \$100 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

The woman was arrested by Inspector J. Hayward and a party of police from Wanchai Police Station.

## POLICE LOOKING FOR A LADY

The police are anxious to contact a lady who had her handbag snatched from her, or possibly stolen from her car in Jackson Road some time on Wednesday.

The bag in question is rectangular in shape and red in colour with a sum of money besides other contents.

The police will be glad if the claimant will call at the Central Charge Room, Central Police Station.

## Stabbed For Bed Space

Convicted on a charge of stabbing and causing bodily harm, Lau Tin, aged 25 and Cheung Kan, aged 22, coolies, were each sentenced to 12 months imprisonment and recommended for banishment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Inspector Lowe said that Sher Chiu-shing retired early on the night of June 12 on the footpath outside No. 204 Des Voeux Road Central, together with other coolies.

During the early hours of the following morning, first defendant awoke complaining and said that he was occupying his sleeping place.

An argument arose and both slapped each other. It ended with defendant leaving hurriedly.

Shortly after first defendant's departure, he returned with a few other men, Sher causing trouble, ran away and hid.

After waiting for some time, and thinking that his assailant might have left, he came out, but again met defendant. He was assaulted and stabbed and was only saved when his cries for help brought his comrades on the scene. Meanwhile defendant had escaped, but was later arrested on information supplied to the police.

After evidence had been given by various witnesses, first defendant admitted to the magistrate that he was the man that did the stabbing and was the originator of all the trouble.

## RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Bangkok on account of smallpox have been removed. It was officially announced yesterday.

Similar restrictions imposed against arrivals from Bombay on account of plague have also been lifted.

## CHINESE OPERA

A Chinese Opera in aid of the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children will be performed at the Kowloon Theatre on three consecutive nights beginning today at 9 p.m. The booking office for rehearsals will be open between 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily at the Theatre.

## EUROPEANS COME UP AT SESSIONS

The July Criminal Session opens on Monday when pleas in 18 cases will be taken.

The list includes the alleged Van Heutsz pirates, Ling Cheuk-wah, Keung Kin-chung alias Lau Pui, Ling Chong-kai alias Ling Chung, and Chan Chung-nam alias Chan Chik, who were committed from Kowloon Court.

Douglas Jamieson and Stanley Hulme, on a charge of robbery with violence, is also down for hearing at the same session.

Other cases are:—  
Cheng Kwok-ling, for murder; and alternatively for attempted murder and wounding with intent.

Wong Wah alias Wong Yiu, for robbery by two or more.

Chung Yung, for murder and So Yung, for murder, on charges of armed robbery and a charge of possession of arms and ammunition. So Yung is also on a charge of deportation order charge.

Wong Sui-kun, on two charges of robbery by two or more and one of possession of arms and ammunition.

Chung Yin-pung, on charges of assault with intent to rob, rape, and possession of arms and ammunition.

Tso Tak-ling and Cheung Wai-mun, each on a charge of demanding money with menaces.

Leung Wing, and Lau Kan, alias Lo Pang alias Lau Luk alias Lo Kan, each on a charge of breach of deportation order.

Shiu Kwok-keung, on a charge of throwing corrosive fluid.

Shiek Chien, on six charges of (1) forgery, of document (2) uttering a forged document (3) obtaining property on forged document (4) forging valuable security (5) uttering a forged document and (6) obtaining property on forged document.

## Adjourned Cases

The following three cases, adjourned from last session, are also down for hearing:—  
Leung Wing and Leung Ngai, on charges of assault with intent to rob, and attempt to rob; and  
Ho Cheuk-kiu, on two charges of armed robbery.

Chan Tien-kam, on charges of forcible taking with intent to procure a ransom, uttering a forged document, and obtaining money with menaces.



## Two Japanese To Die For War Crime

Two former officers of the Japanese Imperial Army were sentenced to death for the brutal murder of two Allied airmen at Toag, Kai Islands, in 1944, by the No. 1 Australian War Crimes Court yesterday.

They are Lieutenant-Colonel Kondo Hideo and Lieutenant Kawai Yoshio, both charged with the murder by hydrocyanic acid gas grenade of Flight Lieutenant Arthur Douglas Nelson, RAAF, and Sergeant F. Englishman, NEAF.

A third accused, Major Otaka Yasumasa, was acquitted by the four-man military tribunal.

The Court, comprising Lieutenant-Colonel F.G.B. Pullen (President), Major J.K. Lloyd, Lieutenant-Colonel N.F. Quinton and Captain M.B. Tindale, reached its verdict on Wednesday after a three-week trial. The death sentences were pronounced yesterday.

Major A. Mackay, Australian Div. SCAP (GHQ), Tokyo, presided, while the accused were defended by Mr. Tabor and Mr. Kakichi Masao, Captain Wogin Brown sat as advisory officer to the defence.

Lieutenant-Colonel Kondo claimed to be a former pilot of the children of Emperor Hirohito. Another when Sergeant-Major Kurada Elchi, former member of the POW Camp Administration Staff, Thailand, will be charged with the inhumane treatment of American, British and other allied POWs between December, 1943, and December, 1945.

Major J.H. Sorley, Australian War Crimes, Hong Kong, will prosecute. Mr. George Sugino will defend the accused.

The Court will comprise Lieutenant-Colonel N.F. Quinton (President), Major E.J. Goring, Captain M.B. Tindale, Captain M. Watson, British War Crimes, Hong Kong, will sit as advisory officer to the defence.

## Godown Larceny Sequel

Ten summonses against Wong Him, manager of the Sheung Yuet Electric Shop, for receiving a total of 80 cartons of electric bulbs were dismissed by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Latimer had submitted that he had no case to answer.

The summonses arose out of the larceny, by a former employee, of the bulbs from Anderson, Meyer and Co's godowns between January 2 and April 23 this year.

The ex-employee was dealt with at the Central Magistrate's in May and fined \$2,000 and ordered to pay \$1,000 compensation to the firm.

It was alleged by Det. Inspector Woodhead yesterday that defendant, when he purchased the goods from the clerk, knew that they were stolen property, as according to the clerk, no question was asked as to how he came in possession of the goods.

The godown-keeper of Anderson, Meyer's said that he delivered the goods to the Sheung Yuet Electric Shop himself and obtained a receipt for every delivery.

Mr. A.J. Kow, assistant manager of Anderson, Meyer, said that defendant's firm had dealt with his firm for a considerable time and should know that the terms of payment were invariably cash against delivery order.

Inspector MacKenzie and party arrested Tsui Kwai, aged 27, the keeper of a divan at an unnumbered hut in Pullock Lane on Wednesday. He pleaded guilty.

He was sentenced to four months imprisonment with the option of fine of \$100.

A smoker found on the premises was fined \$35 or 10 days.

The same officer and party also arrested Lai Chow, aged 60, the keeper of a divan on the second floor of No. 63 Spring Garden Lane.

Lai was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment and recommended for banishment. Eight smokers arrested at the same time were fined \$35 each or 10 days.

Inspector Hayward and party raided the first floor of No. 21 Spring Garden Lane and arrested Lam Nai, aged 46 and seven others.

The keeper was sentenced to a fine of \$500 or six months imprisonment, while the smokers were fined \$35 or 10 days.

## OPIMUM ROUND HIS WAIST

The manner in which Wong Wah, aged 25, behaved near the Douglas Wharf on Wednesday aroused the suspicion of a police constable who searched him.

The constable found a strapped round Wong's waist 19 packets of raw opium, the total weight being about 10 lbs. and valued at about \$10,000.

Before Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, Wong pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment and recommended for banishment.

## OPIMUM AT KCR

Lam Tai, a new arrival from Canton, was sentenced for six months' hard labour without option at a fine when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to possession of 18 tins of raw opium.

Defendant, said Revenue Officer D.H. Knox, was arrested at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station on Wednesday night.

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## STORY OF MATERNAL DEVOTION

Maternal and filial love, tearfully demonstrated in Mr. W. H. Latimer's Court at Kowloon yesterday, moved the magistrate to pity and resulted in a mother and her 21-year-old son being reunited in the cells and, later, in exile.

When Ko Shing-chuen, who was expelled from the Colony on February 10 last, was ordered by Mr. Latimer to be re-expelled after serving a sentence of six weeks' hard labour, he pleaded for his mother to be reunited with him at the end of his six weeks.

The mother, who was in Court, tearfully told the magistrate that she was quite willing to be charged as a defaulter (as, with the son in gaol, she would have no one to support her) and be sent out of Hong Kong as such, so long as she could be with her boy.

On the woman voluntarily entering the dock, Mr. Latimer quashed the sentence of six weeks' imprisonment against the son and ordered both to be expelled.

Inspector J. Oram appeared for the Police.

## WANCHAI DIVANS RAIDED

Raids on opium divans in the Wanchai area by officers of the Eastern Division, brought the following offenders before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

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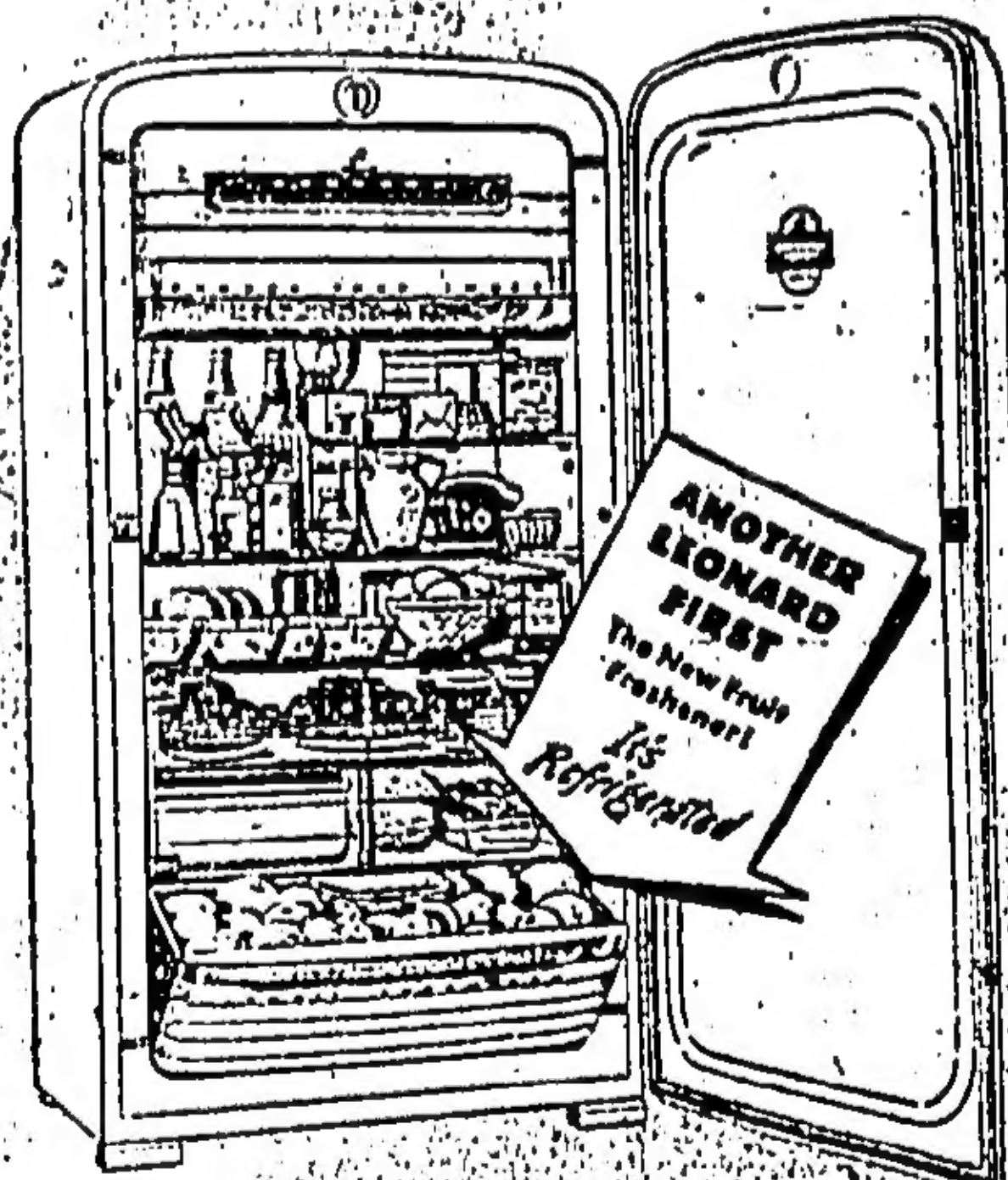
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## Judgment Reserved

Mr. Hin-shing Lo reserved judgment for one week in a case at Central yesterday in which four men, Wong Kang, 21, Lai Sang, 20, Ma Che-keung, 32, and Yau Che, 30, were charged with conspiring together to rob the occupants of a house in Gloucester Road, and possession of one revolver and six rounds of ammunition.

First two defendants pleaded guilty and the other two denied having anything to do with this affair or the other two defendants.

Yesterday fourth defendant gave evidence that he was looking for a banana hawk who he thought hid his pitch in the Southern District. When he could not find him there he was walking down Hennessy Road to see if he had moved, when the police arrested him. He was walking behind the other three defendants.

Defendant also called a witness to say he was a travelling trader with a good reputation and was not a thief or a robber.

Inspector Rodrick F. MacKenzie is in charge of the case.

## CONDOLENCES FROM LONDON

A message of condolence was received by the Hong Kong Government yesterday from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. A. Creech Jones, in respect of last Friday's sinking of the ferry launch, Man Kwong.

The message said: "Reverent to learn of the sinking of the s.s. Man Kwong. Please extend a suitable expression of my sympathies to the relatives of those who lost their lives."

The ferry launch sank off Ping Chau, about 10 miles west of Hong Kong, after striking a submerged mine. One of the 40 passengers on board was killed and 10 others are still missing.



# PRESIDENT TRUMAN NOMINATED DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATE

Jet Planes  
Reach Labrador

Hallfax, Nova Scotia, July 14.  
Six Royal Air Force Vampire jet fighters tonight arrived at Labrador, completing the third leg of the first jet flight across the Atlantic. They had flown from Blida West, a United States air base near the south-west tip of Greenland, where they landed earlier today after a stop from Iceland. — Reuters.

## HE RAN INTO PRISON.

Sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment on Wednesday for keeping an opium and heroin den, Wong Ting, aged 50, was again brought before Mr. J. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday. This time charged with escaping from legal custody.

It was alleged by the prosecution, conducted by Inspector Moran, that defendant, after being sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, had escaped from the detention cells handcuffed to another prisoner.

On Wong's hand being rather than, he slipped off the handcuffs and made a bid for liberty.

He did not get very far before he was re-arrested. He pleaded guilty before the same magistrate yesterday and was sentenced to a further six months' imprisonment and recommended for banishment.

It was revealed by the prosecuting officer that defendant, in making his bid for freedom, ran into the gull instead of out of it.

Nanking, July 15.  
The Census Bureau of the Ministry of the Interior revealed today that during the past six months, 333 aliens were naturalized as Chinese citizens. It added that only 20 persons were males. — Reuters.

# RUMP CONVENTION TO BE HELD BY SOUTHERN REBELS

Philadelphia, July 15.  
Harry S. Truman was nominated to run on the Democratic Party ticket for the President of the United States last night. Truman's nomination meant a strong civil rights plank for the party's election platform. It also meant a definite North-South split in the party.

The National Democratic Convention immediately began nominating Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky for Vice-President. The north won the civil rights fight by persuading the convention to turn down a Dixie-sponsored states' rights plank in the platform and then getting the party to go on record in favour of the civil rights laws asked by Truman and vehemently opposed in the South.

But it looked like a costly victory. A number of Southern delegates announced they were holding a rump convention in Birmingham, Alabama, on Saturday to name a "states' rights" candidate to oppose Truman. On the show-down vote, there were any substantial opposition to letting President Truman have the nomination.

The question now bothering party leaders was not the southern revolt but what may come later—what may develop out of the talk of bolting the party, or refusing to support the Democratic ticket.

### Final Gesture

President Truman told a cheering Convention early today that he will call Congress back into session on July 20.

In a determined and fighting acceptance of the Presidential nomination, the President predicted that he and his Vice-President running mate, Senator Barkley, will win this election and make those Republicans like it.

The Convention, with the nominees selected and with a platform adopted, finally adjourned at 1:30 a.m. and 30 minutes

## No. 10 Searched For Bombs

London, July 14.  
Police searched No. 10, Downing Street, the official residence of the Prime Minister, tonight after an anonymous telephone caller had said the place would be "blown up in 10 minutes." Nothing was found. — Reuters.

## DANGER TO HEALTH AT STANLEY

The water supply at the Stanley Boys Camp is being restricted to such a degree as to constitute a danger to health, Mr. B.A. Bernacchi told the Camp Committee at a meeting on Tuesday.

He said that the authorities concerned have already been informed of the situation.

Referring to the financial position, Mr. Bernacchi said that a further HK\$10,000 is needed to meet requirements for the last quarter of the year. He added that about HK\$200,000 a month for the upkeep of one boy.

Mr. Y.K. Kim, Treasurer, told the Committee that the balance in hand on July 12 was only HK\$7,293.42.

## TEEN-AGERS GET HARD LABOUR

Two Chinese teen-age youths, Chan Tai-hei (17 years) and Wong Ping-shu (18 years), each with a previous conviction for larceny, were yesterday sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon.

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## SHRINERS ARRIVE HERE TODAY

A party of 45 Shriners, headed by Roy N. Buell, potentate of the Islam Temple, will arrive here this morning in the President Wilson, from Manila.

The Shriners are on the first Oriental pilgrimage since the war. The purpose is to initiate overseas candidates who are eligible to join the Shrine. The Islam Temple (San Francisco) is one of the three temples of the Order to make such pilgrimages, the first of which was made in 1920.

The other two temples or clubs are the Nile Temple (Seattle) and AFIF (Tacoma).

Among the local Shriners who will welcome the visitors will be Messrs. T.B. Wilson, (Rajah, AFIF), Joe Lum, Samuel S. Young, M.S. Bloch, Clarence K. Chun, T.J. Holt, Conrad Hsu and J.F. Rhame.

No official programme has been planned. The visitors will be entertained by friends, and will spend the two-day stay here sightseeing and shopping.

Mr. Roy Buell will fly to Shanghai today to make arrangements for a major initiation ceremony in about 150 candidates will be inducted into the fraternal Order. The candidates have been

given special dispensation by the Imperial Council of the Shrine of North America.

The party will leave on Sunday for Shanghai. From the Chinese port they will proceed to Tokyo, where they will meet General Douglas MacArthur, another Shriner.

The tour will end on Aug. 2. The Shrine, known throughout the United States as the "Playground of Masonry" is an organization for members with a certain high degree of masonry. Only those with the highest masonic qualifications are eligible.

The Shrine's main interest is to provide hospitals for crippled children. It raises millions of dollars to operate orthopaedic hospitals in America and Canada. Members of the fraternal order are international. Hong Kong's Shriners are mainly Chinese. There are more than 150 temples in America and Canada. Members are spread all over the world.

By ALEX. RAYMOND

## Correspondence

### Flight Of Capital

Sir,—Once again we have another item from a senior Chinese Govt. Official, the Finance Vice-Minister, Mr. Hsu Po-yuan, blaming Hong Kong for the continued flight of capital from China. If he had studied that position in the careful way that one would expect from a senior Minister he would very quickly arrive at the conclusion that the flight of capital was due entirely to mismanagement, inefficiency and corruption within the Chinese Govt. Black market dealings are initiated within China and are not confined solely to Hong Kong dollars as there is a very large black market in Shanghai in both U.S. Dollars and gold. Black market quotations from Shanghai are quoted openly and relayed to all parts of the world. Even the young Editor of the China Economist knows how to transfer funds from Shanghai through the black market to Hong Kong and yet the Economic Police in Shanghai have been entirely unsuccessful in preventing these transfers. Capitalists in Shanghai both large and small hold the major part of their liquid assets in American Dollars and there is no doubt that the population of Shanghai have large holdings in American dollars. When the whole population of Great Britain, very feeble attempts have been adopted to make the currency of Government. As long as inflation on the present large scale continues in China all national will take every step possible to get out of their valueless C.N.C. Naturally the sphere of influence of the currency of this Colony is expanding daily and a large proportion of the note circulation of the Colony is held within China. Many business transactions in South China are transacted on a Hong dollar basis with the result being used to finance the business. There are grounds for believing that the Chinese Govt. have been making efforts to induce the local Govt. to allow them to take over overseas Chinese remittances passing through Hong Kong, which are routed here at the request of the overseas remitter to be paid out in Hong Kong dollars. This could probably be arranged if the Chinese Govt. would pay for these remittances in Hong Kong dollars but it is understood that they wish to keep their printing machines busy by paying out useless C.N.C. which would certainly not suit the remitter and be entirely against the contract he has made with his bank abroad. A few days ago a report appeared in the local papers that Chinese Govt. Banks were hardly making any profit in the budget proposal for the next six months it was reported that the probable profits of the Bank of China were listed at the equivalent of approx. twenty U.S. cents. China badly needs foreign currency and yet this Bank working at no profit at all in embarking on a very large building scheme in Hong Kong at a reported cost of HK\$100,000,000. The report states they propose to build on the lavish scale in Singapore and elsewhere. Can the Finance officials of the Central Govt. explain why foreign currency is spent in this way when the need for raw commodities to keep the factories going and their exports moving is so desperate? Of course it may be possible that this Bank is fortunate enough to have the huge credit balances which Nanking reported were remaining dormant with Banks in the Colony and are making use of these balances to finance their building projects. It is about time Chinese Officials attempted to put their own house in order before attacking the policy of almost every other country in the world.

## Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mr. and Mrs. L. del Castillo, Mr. and Mrs. C. Parsons, Mrs. N. O. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. N. Yang, Messrs. E. K. Cheong, G. P. Heckman, H. R. Dobson, E. D. Bessan, E. Carter, and Ira Grillo.

Among the arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. D. A. MacFarlane, Mrs. F. P. Garlon, Mrs. B. Barr, Miss S. Barr, Mrs. C. Covitt, Messrs. G. S. Wilson, W. T. Daly, L. C. Hamlin, G. O. Rockholtz, S. S. Lamb, R. W. Horsodi, W. C. Lam, Nat. Doran, H. Cockerall, D. Chabo, and Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Moonajee.

Messrs. J.M. Jackson, M.K. Nisholds, Tui-Poh, Ang Lin Sy Ben, and Ching Seng-kee left for Manila yesterday by CPA.

## RECKLESS DRIVING

T. Chi-tin, driver of an Urban Council lorry, was fined \$150 and had his licence endorsed when he pleaded guilty before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday to the summons of reckless driving on May 30.

Chief Inspector F. J. Clarke said that he was driving along Taipe Road on the afternoon of May 30 when he observed a lorry, 8145, driven by T. Chi-tin, at a blind corner and on the wrong side of the road.

The prosecuting officer had to accelerate to overtake defendant's lorry and "caught up to him" just as he was on the point of overtaking two fully loaded lorry lorries, again on a blind corner.

## PHILIPPINES DIPLOMACY

Manila, July 14.  
The possibility of the Philippines raising the status of its Legations in London and Nanking to that of Embassies is currently rumoured in diplomatic circles in Manila.

Although the report has not been officially confirmed, it is gaining credence following the signing of a bill by President Quirino permitting the use of lump sum appropriations for the creation of new positions in different Philippine Embassies, Legations and other foreign missions. — Reuters.

## Reminders

Exhibition and Sale of Paintings, 800 Gloucester Hotel, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. William Powell Ltd. annual meeting, Exchange Bldg. 12 noon.

H.K. Light Orchestra rehearsal, 279 Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m. Cantonese Opera, 8 p.m. at the Society for the Protection of Children, Kowloon Theatre, Queen's Road, West, 8 p.m.

Sino-British Club general meeting, debate, on "That this House has no faith in the West's Government," at Club, Kowloon, 8.45 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, District Office, Kowloon Magistracy, 11 a.m. Oil and Water Colour Paintings Exhibition, St. Francis Hotel, 10 a.m.

## Coming Events

TOMORROW  
Miss Hong Kong Contest, Ritz Entertainment Resort, North Point, 8 p.m.  
Miss Hong Kong Contest, Ritz, SUNDAY

Too H. Club, Musical Concert, Talbot House, 50 Macdonough Road, 8.30 p.m.  
Annual General Meeting, Dr. J.S. Williams, 1400, 1400, 1400

279 Robinson Road, 8.30 p.m.

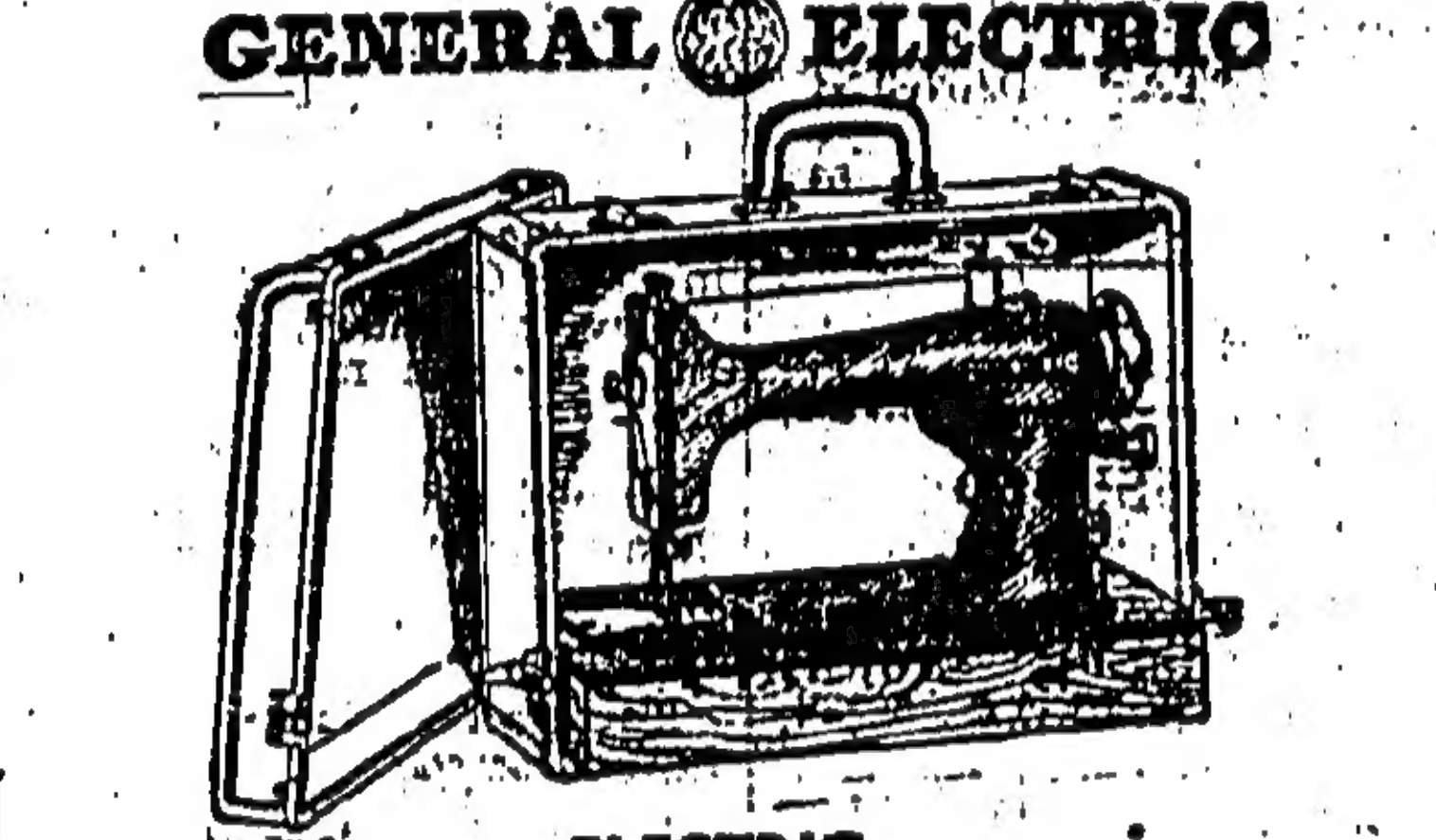
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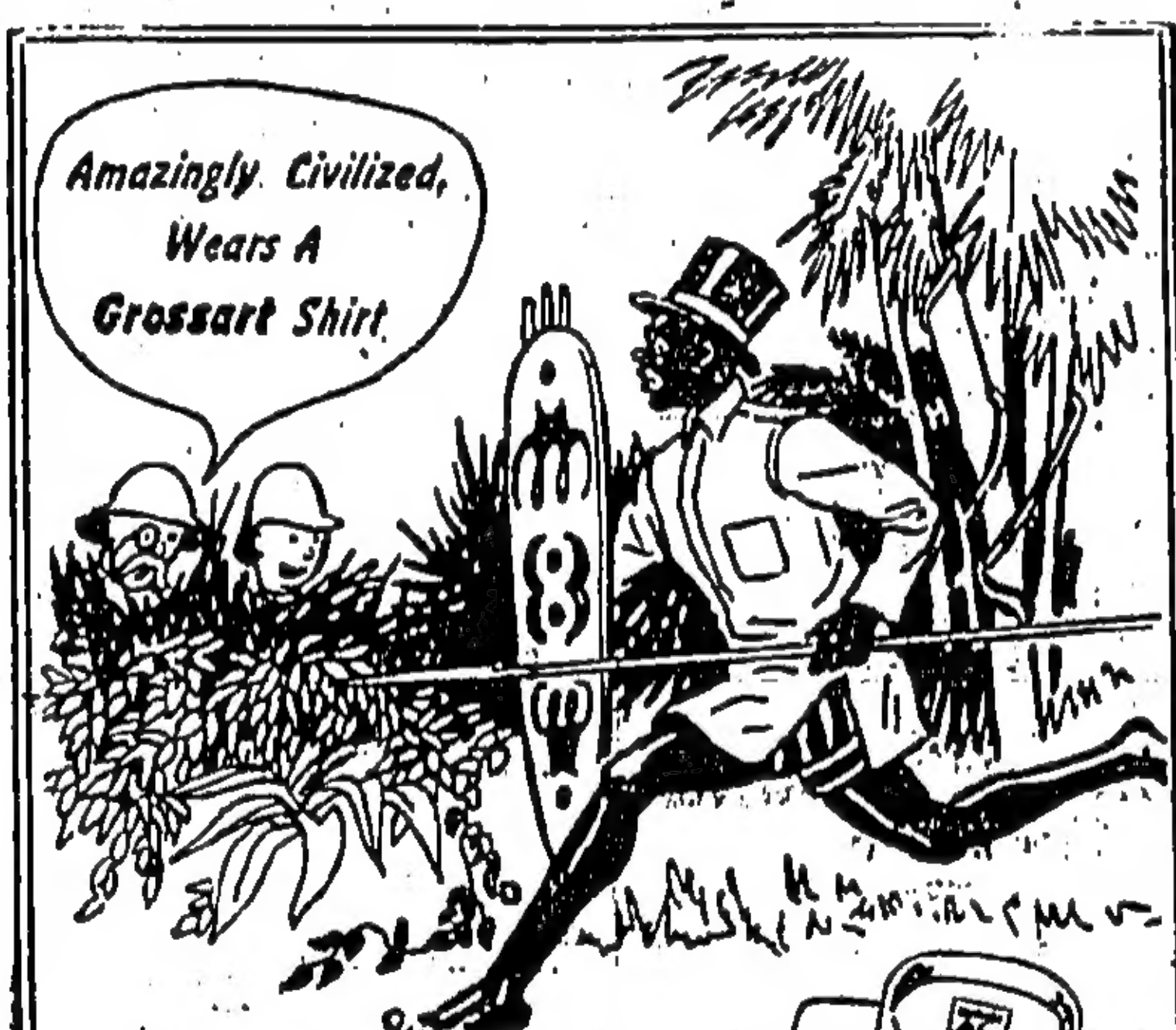
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Applicants must be under 35 years of age and should possess a University diploma in agriculture. Teaching experience will be an advantage. Successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination.

M. G. O'CONNOR, Ag. Director of Education. 12th July, 1948.

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Notice is hereby given that the forty-second Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held in Exchange Building, 2nd Floor, on Friday, 16th July, 1948, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Director's Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th February, 1948, and to re-elect a Director and elect Auditors. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 10th July, 1948 to 16th July, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board  
F. W. VEREL, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd July, 1948.

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# OUTRIGHT REJECTION

## Russia Disclaims Responsibility For Berlin Crisis Development

### "Compelled To Measure To Protect Her Zone"

London, July 14.

Russia today disclaimed responsibility "for the situation which has arisen in Berlin" and, in notes to Britain, the United States and France, placed the blame for the crisis in the German capital on the three Western nations' introduction of occupation currency reform and their "policy of dismembering Germany."

Moscow Radio broadcast the texts of the notes delivered in London, Washington and Paris in reply to the Allied notes of July 9 demanding the immediate lifting of the Berlin blockade.

In London, authoritative sources said tonight that the Soviet reply was unsatisfactory and in no way eliminates or eases the Berlin crisis. "The Berlin crisis goes on. There is nothing in the Russian note which changes that situation. The note contains nothing unusual or sensational."

The emergency Anglo-American-French committee which negotiated the terms of the West's protest, went into session at the British Foreign Office almost immediately after the Russian reply was translated.

The American Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, and the French Ambassador, M. Rene Massigli, resumed their consultations with the British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Sir William Strang, late in the afternoon. They have been meeting almost continuously since the Soviet blockade in Berlin started.

The British Cabinet revised its agenda for tomorrow's regular meeting and gave top billing to the Soviet reply. By then, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, may be able to give the Cabinet a preliminary report on what the three Western Powers plan to do now.

Authoritative sources cautioned against anticipating immediate unusual action. They suggested, instead, the possibility of another exchange of notes with the Kremlin.

## Soviet Note

The Soviet note said: "The Soviet Government considers that the situation which has arisen in Berlin has arisen as a result of violation by the Governments of the United States of America, Great Britain and France of agreed decisions adopted by the four powers in relation to Germany and Berlin."

"The Soviet Government has repeatedly warned the Governments of the responsibility which they were incurring by taking a path of violation of agreed decisions with respect to Germany."

Russia cited agreements for demilitarisation and democratisation of Germany and for reparations payments. She said the four great powers undertook the joint administration of Germany and had agreed to conclude a peace treaty with Germany.

"These highly important agreements have been violated by the Governments of the United States, Britain and France," she said.

"Dismemberment" Complaining that the agreements cited had not been fulfilled, Russia added, "Four-power control machinery in Germany has been destroyed, as a result of which the Allied Control Council has ceased to function."

As a result of the six-power conference in London, Russia said, the Western European powers and the United States were carrying out measures "aimed at splitting and dismembering Germany." She said these included steps to form a separate German Government in the Western occupation zone and separate currency reform.

The note continued to say that, inasmuch as the Berlin situation was the direct consequence of systematic violation of "Allied agreements," the Soviet Government must reject as altogether unfounded the declaration of the three Western Governments to the effect that measures introduced by the Soviet command allegedly constitute violation of existing agreements relating to the administration of Berlin.

## Condition For Peace

New York, July 15.

Pearl Buck told New York University's School of Education today that real peace between the East and West was possible only if the West realises it is not necessary that power should play a part.

She said China, Korea, India and Indonesia fear the West wants a peace based on power and many in the West share the feeling which causes distrust among eastern nations.

She said the United States policy in Japan at least partly causes the eastern distrust because they see United States shipments of large amounts of material into Japan, as intended to create "new imperialism" based in Japan.—United Press.

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Bangkok, Noon;  
Macao and Tientsin, 1 p.m.;  
Canton (2nd class mail only), 3 p.m.;  
Manila, Mauritius and South Africa via Durban, 3 p.m.;  
Shanghai, 3 p.m.;  
Japan (Ord. Letters and Cards only), 3 p.m.

## TOY FACTORY FIRE DEATHS

Shanghai, July 15.

One worker was killed, two were missing, believed to be dead, and five others were injured in a brick fire at a celluloid toy factory west of Shanghai this morning.

The entire factory was destroyed. This was the second worst fire this month. Earlier in the month 11 persons were killed in another celluloid factory.—United Press.

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# ISRAEL READY TO STOP If Security Council Orders New "Cease Fire"

## Gromyko Still Fighting US Plan

Loko Success, July 14.

Aubrey Eban, the Israeli representative, told the Security Council that Israel is ready to halt the fighting in Palestine if the Council orders a new cease fire. Eban said this decision was taken in Tel Aviv.

He protested vigorously, however, against the United States proposal to reimpose the conditions which prevailed during the recent four weeks truce. These included an embargo on immigration and arms for Palestine.

Alexander Parodi of France said he would vote for the United States resolution with some modifications. He raised strong objections to several key provisions of the United States plan.

The Soviet move came as the Security Council neared a vote on the United States resolution calling for a cease fire within three days.

The entire United States proposal was jeopardised despite the fact that six of the council's 11 delegates are already committed to support it in principle. Gromyko agreed with the United States that the Council must order a cessation of hostilities and must be ready to enforce it if necessary.

Gromyko Backs Jews

Gromyko sided with the Israeli delegation, however, in contending that the Council should not continue the conditions which prevailed under the recent four-week truce.

He also objected strongly to the United States proposals that the new truce continue indefinitely until a peaceful solution is found.

Gromyko contended this would virtually eliminate the possibility of an independent sovereign state of Israel since there are no prospects that a settlement would ever be reached between the Jews and Arabs.

Gromyko objected to four of the nine paragraphs in the American proposal.

Bernadotte Attacked

Mr. Gilbert Jessup, United States, told reporters he was studying developments carefully and added that the United States might make some changes in the wording of the proposal but would not agree to dropping Bernadotte.

It is Jessup's view that Bernadotte was named by the General Assembly and that the Council, even if it wanted to, could not eliminate him.

In effect Gromyko's suggestions would mean a firmer establishment of the Jewish state of Israel.

Gromyko criticised Bernadotte frequently during a lengthy speech on his handling of the Arab-Jewish negotiations.

Gromyko especially objected to what he called the unusually large number of Americans who participated in the truce work.

## Kidnapping Incident

London, July 14.

The United Nations Truce Commission for Palestine is to report to the Security Council the "inability of the Jewish authorities to maintain law and order in Jerusalem" if the five Britons kidnapped by Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorists in Jerusalem last week were not returned by July 13.

Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, introduced this in the House of Commons today. There was no official confirmation of reports that it was intended to stage a trial of the men on a charge of espionage, he added.

He renewed attacks on Britain, charging that London continued all through the truce period to try to wreck the partition plan.

Jewish Successes

Meanwhile, according to latest reports from Agence France-Presse correspondents in the Middle East, the Israel army, which succeeded yesterday in forcing the village of Tel Aviv sector by the occupation of Ras el Ain in the north-east and Arab villages in the triangle of Lydda, Ramleh and Rehovoth in the south-east, has seized the initiative by broadening the zone towards Haifa and the neighbourhood of Nazareth.

Israeli forces have captured the village of Einmahil east of Nazareth and have pushed up to Latrun and Mount Castel on the road to Jerusalem.

The latter operation was accompanied by a successful action against the village of Gaza in a region crossed by the so-called "Burma Road" which has been used by Hagannah to supply the New City of Jerusalem. Associated Press and Agence France-Presse.

## Sarawak Transfer Legal Fight

Singapore, July 14.

Captain Bertram Brooke, brother of the former "White Rajah" of Sarawak, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, and his son, Anthony Brooke, the former Rajah Muda (Crown Prince), today challenged the legality of the transfer of Sarawak to Britain before a Brunei (North Borneo) court.

Father and son claimed that Sir Charles Brooke had no legal right to cede Sarawak and that Britain's subsequent annexation of the territory was therefore illegal.

Sir Charles Brooke offered to transfer Sarawak to the Crown in consideration of a trust fund of £1,000,000 in 1946. The territory came under British administration on July 1 that year.

Sarawak, with a population of half a million, was originally part of the dominion of the Sultan of Brunei. In 1841, it was ceded to James Brooke in return for his services in making peace among the warring tribes.—Reuter.

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1.00 p.m.—Light Variety.

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1.30 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.50 p.m.—Edith Day Introduces "All Join In" (BBCTS).

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: "Wind in the Willows" by Kenneth Graham, presented by Members of the H.K. Stage Club (Studio).

6.10 p.m.—"One Night Stand" presented by Philip Burn (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—"See Tee" Talks on Sport (Studio).

7.10 p.m.—Ennio Salonga Saxophone Recital with Piano accompaniment by Pete Valdermans (Studio).

7.25 p.m.—Lecot: "Man's Isle Angel" Ballet, Royal Opera House 90.

7.40 p.m.—Vocal Recital by John Banton (Baritone) with Piano accompaniment by Donald Fraser (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—George Melachrino and His Orchestra, with Jack Cooper to sing (BBCTS).

8.45 p.m.—Pianoforte Recital by Denno Molevitch.

9.10 p.m.—Puccini: "Madame Butterfly" Act 1, with Margaret Sheridan, and other Members of the La Scala Opera, Milan.

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—Minnesota Symphony Orch.

10.30 p.m.—Dance to Ted Heath and His Orchestra, with Paul Carpenter (BBCTS).

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S. J. 7  
D. 8 2  
C. K 10  
S. K 9 3  
H. 3  
D. K Q J  
9 4  
C. Q 7 3

nerable game; if stronger by just a bit, he could have counted on the likelihood of his side scoring because of his opening.

However, having opened for the purpose of, chieftain some kind of score, he should have passed when he heard South's 2-Clubs response. The latter, with just under an opening bid, had decided to show his strength by "reversing" and bidding the higher diamonds secondarily. He did that after North's 2-Hearts.

Now, when West doubled the 3-Diamonds, North should have realized his partner had more clubs than diamonds, probably only four of the latter and five or even six of the former. So he should have taken it into 4-Clubs, but didn't. East and West set it all over the lot, for a score of 900. If North had sayched into 4-Clubs, it probably would have been set only about three, saving some hundreds of points.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. Q J 9 8 2  
H. A K 9  
D. K 10 8 5  
C. K 10 8 5S. A 8 7 4 3  
H. J 10 8 5  
D. 10 8 5  
C. 4S. None  
H. Q 4  
D. A 10 7 5  
C. K Q J 8 7 3 2

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What would you consider best bidding of this deal, at rubbers and at pair duplicate?

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Washington, July 14.

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## ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES

The powers the government now proposes to take under the new Ordinance for the Prevention of Corruption might normally be expected to achieve as effective results indirectly as by the process of prosecuting offenders. Those public servants who have been in the business on a systematic basis receive fair warning: they may not desist, but they are compelled to watch their every step, exercise the extreme caution which may place limits on their activities. So far as it goes, this is all to the good. Whatever the true facts, there is reason to believe that corruption has reached proportions more widely spread than at any other time in local history, and that the work of the Anti-Corruption Branch has done little more than touch upon its fringes. Some of the difficulties which have handicapped those engaged in the clean-up campaign are removed by the Bill, for once they have obtained any evidence giving ground for strong suspicion, and an investigation has been ordered, access may be had to bank accounts and financial transactions generally which may be built up into corroborative evidence of guilt. Emphasising the words "built up," this is the weakness as well as the strength of the Bill. The Acting Attorney-General, the Hon. G. E. Strickland, anticipated the key point of possible criticism and objection to the measure when he urged that its provisions should not be viewed as making fundamental innovation in the law of evidence. About this point, in particular, we are distinctly dubious. Clause Eleven, which carries the sub-title "Presumption of Corruption in Certain Cases," directly reverses the usual order and transfers the onus of proof. In certain circumstances, covering evidence of the receipt of a monetary gift or other consideration, it is decreed that it shall be presumed that the money or consideration was received corruptly unless the contrary is proved. The accused in such a case is to be presumed guilty unless he can prove his innocence, a principle well established in France, but completely foreign to fundamental British law. Apparently, this applies even where an accused cannot be pinned down to direct evidence of an individual act of corruption. Some may feel that the end justifies the means, but those whose concern it is to protect the liberty of the subject and his common law rights will see strong objection to what might amount to the creation of a highly dangerous precedent. The Bill, after all, is quite inadequate to attack the great mass of small-time bribery with which the Colony is riddled: it is designed to simplify control of the more important operators who run bank accounts and indulge perhaps in share dealings. It is directly concerned with a relatively small section of the community. Where one finds special legislation for special cases, it must always be examined with suspicion. We are not sure, either, that we like the provision which relieves the judge from the necessity of warning the jury that it is dangerous to attach too high a value to the

## Normandy Wants To Forget The War And D-Day

By JENNY NICHOLSON  
Our Roving Reporter

I know a tank from the turret of which wild thyme grows, and an Army truck called "Daisy" which lies abandoned still in a Normandy ditch embraced by the dog-rose.

On the new Michelin map of Normandy they are marked in purple. Things marked in purple are referred to in the index as "vestiges of war."

These are the relics which people are expected to come in motor-buses to see. These are the vestiges of something we used to call the "Second Front!"

A few months, four years ago this summer, which excited almost everyone in the world except the Normans and, to an even lesser degree, the Germans. Although the Normans were reported at the time to be as enthusiastic about the first burst of liberation as it was generally felt they ought to be, looking back on it one realises that they took a much more practical, much less emotional line than the Allies wished to believe.

The Germans had not treated them badly, and they said so. "The Germans were very correct," they said. On the other

## No Show Or Fuss

Now one comes to remember it in more honest perspective they were pretty story-faced when Allied soldiers went skulking grimly through their orchards pursuing the enemy.

And, although one turned a devious ear at the time, I seem to remember them grumbling: "Why didn't you fight in the Pays Basque? Far better for the armies to have landed in the Pays Basque!"

It is this thoroughly uncompromising attitude of the Normans which makes these revisits to the British area of the Normandy Campaign tolerable. There seems to be no compromise with the tourist trade at all, no show

or fuss or claims, to history. A soldier could return and reconstruct a past battle without a plaque, a notice, a memorial, without a thing to spoil the dignity of the memory.

In the small village of Trun the men fell in the front gardens, in the surrounding fields, outside the post office, on the steps of the bakery, but the people of Trun, without any historical feeling, make no visible claim to being the very centre of the clearing of the Falaise Gap. The Graves Commission came eventually and cleared away the dead. The people of Trun dragged away the weapons of war into nearby junkyards and allowed them to perish.

## Few Tourists

It is true Caen does boast a tall memorial column which rises from the ruins surrounded by a golden angel. And Arromanches makes a notable effort to preserve a little of the old colour. Walls have been left covered with the scrawls of soldiers. "Ken Loll, Sturdy Bob," and they have even gone so far as to repaint the "Out Of Bounds To All Troops" (though by mistake they left the "off Troops") and "31 W. T. Group F. E." There are two shops where you can buy souvenir postcards and boxes inscribed "Arromanches—port of the liberation."

The Plage has been rebuilt, so there is a wide concrete walk for miles along the front. And I watched an ex-Army amphibious craft dragging a small flag-decorated pleasure boat down a new slipway into the sea.

It was unmistakably an effort at preparing for tourists, but the slightly self-conscious air with which it was being done rather emphasised the miserably small tourist attendance.

A yellow bus arrived. Here they are, I thought. They will walk along the Plage and stare at the artificial port they called Mulberry—an uneven line of sunken ships standing out in the grey English Channel—sad and ghostly—they will hire the pleasure boat and sail nearer so as to get a closer view of the hulks.

But the merry crowd debased on to the Montgomery Plage and, with loud cries and without so much as a glance in the direction of Mulberry, sped down to the sea to bathe, whirling their towels and bathing dresses above their heads like lassos.

The people of Normandy have returned to the only battle they really recognise—their endless fight with the weather. The only large-scale reminders of the old violence are the military cemeteries.

## DEMOCRATS SPLIT ON RACIAL RIGHTS

Philadelphia, July 14.

The Southern drive to water down the racial rights plank in the Democratic Party's national platform was smashed by a united opposition of "liberal" and "regular" Democrats.

## Malayan War Damage Claims

London, July 14.

Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative, asked in the Commons when the terms of payment of Malayan war damage claims would be announced and if it was proposed to accept the principle of any priority categories whose claims would be met in full before a pro-rata payment was made to others.

Mr. Creech Jones replied: "It was expected in April last that particulars of the Malayan war damage compensation scheme would be announced shortly. Recent events in Malaya have doubtless delayed the consideration of this matter, but I am enquiring of the Malayan Government what is the position regarding both points referred to in the question and will communicate with Mr. Gammans."

Mr. Tufton Beamish, Conservative, complained that the staff of the Malayan War Damage Commission had been insufficient for the last three years and that some claims had not even been acknowledged.

Mr. Creech Jones said he was aware of that particular difficulty and had taken what steps were possible to get early payment. He was at the moment communicating with the Malayan Government about insufficiency of staff.—Reuter.

## NO DANGER

New York, July 14.

The master of the steamer Grand Dyke, having radioed a distress signal that the engines had failed 110 miles south of the Panama Canal, replied to an Associated Press radiogram enquiring what danger she was in: "There is no danger when you have good Scots engineers."—Associated Press.

unsupported evidence of an accomplice. We fail to see how such evidence if dangerous in one type of case can be less dangerous in another. In what kind of offence is it more likely that the chief purpose of an alleged accomplice would be to cover up his own misdeeds and save his own skin? Certain safeguard clauses are included, it is true. Much of the initiative in investigation is preserved to the Attorney-General: no one below the rank of an Assistant Superintendent is permitted access to a man's bank account. Nevertheless, study of the general tenor of the measure leaves behind a hesitation to lend it full endorsement. Its purpose is to be commended, but if we are to be guided by the general principles of law, it appears to contain more defects than it cures.

## ROUGH GAME OF POWER POLITICS

Boston, July 14.

The Christian Science Monitor, in an editorial today, expressed the opinion that the "strong arm" Soviet policy in Asia "invites counter moves from the West in a rough game of power politics."

"Particularly it invites a re-building of Japanese power—a move particularly hazardous in the case of economic power and morally revolting in the case of military power."

Observing that the Soviet policy in Asia has a "nationalist right arm" and a "Marxist revolutionary left arm," the paper said the right arm is a "contender for the position of economic domination left vacant by the Japanese collapse and crumbling of the old imperialism."

"The disclosure by this paper's chief Far Eastern correspondent, Gordon Walker, of immense industrial activity going on in Eastern Siberia throws a sharply revealing light on this danger."

"The sinister left arm cannot be countered by force with much success. It calls for determined experiments in the West in the politics of attraction—surrender of imperialistic privilege, co-operation with native reform, humanitarianism and educational aid on a large scale."

"The humming of giant dynamos in Siberia may make the more ideas considerations seem a little other-worldly. Yet only by keeping a tough realism in equilibrium with far feeling idealism is the Democratic West likely to avoid disaster in Asia."

—United Press.

## Colonial Planning

London, July 14.

Replying to a suggestion in the Commons by Mr. Geoffrey Cooper, Labour, Mr. Creech Jones said it would not, in his view, be practicable for the economic development of the whole of the Empire to be dealt with by a single colonial economic planning board.

Loose contacts were maintained between the Colonial Office and the Colonial Development Corporation on the one hand and the Central Economic Planning Staff on the other.

These contacts, together with the appointment of representatives of the two corporations and of the Central Economic Planning Staff as associate members of the Colonial Economic and Development Council, were designed to assure the co-ordination that Mr. Cooper had in view.—Reuter.

## ATOM BOMB EXPERT SOUNDS NEW WARNING

Washington, July 14.

A Navy expert today warned that nearly all United States industrial cities are vulnerable to underwater atomic explosions which will cause "lingering radioactivity" not observed in air bursts.

Walmer Strobe, naval architect in the Bureau of Ships, said the underwater test at Bikini showed how whole industrial areas could be covered with radio-active rain, making decontamination "slow, costly and only partially successful."

In such cases, restoration of production would be "very slow if not an impossible task."

Strobe set forth his views in "Ordnance," journal of the American Ordnance Association. His article was cleared by the Navy Department and the Atomic Energy Commission.

## 46 YEARS AGO

London, July 14.

Progress toward "open diplomacy" is slow.

The Public Records Office made this announcement today. "The Keeper of the Records announced that on July 1, those records of the Foreign Office and the Colonial Office for the period ending Dec. 31, 1902, which are deposited in the Public Record Office, were made open to public inspection. The records of these departments have been open only down to 1905."—United Press.

## COLD WAR MAINTAINS ITS PITCH

Berlin, July 14.

The British Deputy Chief of Staff, Major General Westropp, tonight, categorically denied reports appearing in today's Soviet-licensed Vorwarts that the Western Allies had drawn up a secret "plan" for the evacuation of Berlin.

In London, a Foreign Office spokesman denied that Britain, France and the United States planned to "put Russia on trial" before the International Court of Justice at The Hague unless the Soviet authorities lifted their blockade of Western Germany.

He pointed out that no case taken to the Court could be heard for about two years. Observers in London consider that the next step depends on whether the Western powers see any hope that following up any feelers in the Russian reply to their notes may ease the tension.

The Soviet assertion that traffic to Berlin is held up only by rail, road and canal repairs leaves a loophole for a resumption without the need of a climb-down. Any four-power talks would take some time to prepare, so that time would remain for the "technical repairs" to be completed.

If the Berlin crisis could be reduced to manageable proportions, the United Nations General Assembly, some observers think, might give the Foreign Ministers of the four powers their best opportunity for talks.—Reuter.

## Confession Repudiated

New Delhi, July 4.

Sadasiv Panchur, one of the accused in the Gandhi murder trial, today repudiated a confession he signed saying he supplied the pistol used to kill Mahatma Gandhi.

He told the court the statement was signed under "the threat of dire consequences to myself and my relatives."

The prosecution contends that Panchur gave the pistol to the actual murderer. The court permitted the hearing to continue ordering that the prosecution provide evidence that the statement was made "freely and voluntarily" before a magistrate, whose duty it was to assure that duress was not involved.—Associated Press.

## Magda Lupescu Loses Property

Bucharest, July 14.

Magda Lupescu, who became the wife of ex-King Carol of Rumania at a bedside ceremony in Rio de Janeiro last July when she was dangerously ill, has been deprived of her Rumanian citizenship by order of the Rumanian Government, it was announced today.

Her property in Rumania will be confiscated, it was added. Magda Lupescu was one of the people deprived today of their Rumanian citizenship and of their possessions.

Among the others, who included several diplomats, were M. Max Auzan, the Rumanian steel king, and Mary Franasovici, wife of Richard Franasovici, who resigned his post as Rumanian political representative in London last year.—Reuter.

## SHANGHAI BID TO HOLD DOWN PRICES

Shanghai, July 15.

A central organ to direct the large-scale dumping of supplies in the present price control campaign here was formally inaugurated at the Central Bank yesterday.

American aid supplies and United States Army surplus goods purchased through the Central authorities are said to be the main source of goods for the dumping.

Meanwhile, it is reported that a list of major market manipulators and profiteers, compiled by the Shanghai-Wooten Garrison Command and the Police Bureau after a one-month investigation, has been brought to Nanking by General Chiang Ching-kuo, eldest son of President Chiang Kai-shek.

The list will be examined by the President before action is taken.

At present the largest note is CN\$100,000—10 Hong Kong cents at the present black market rate.—Reuter.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



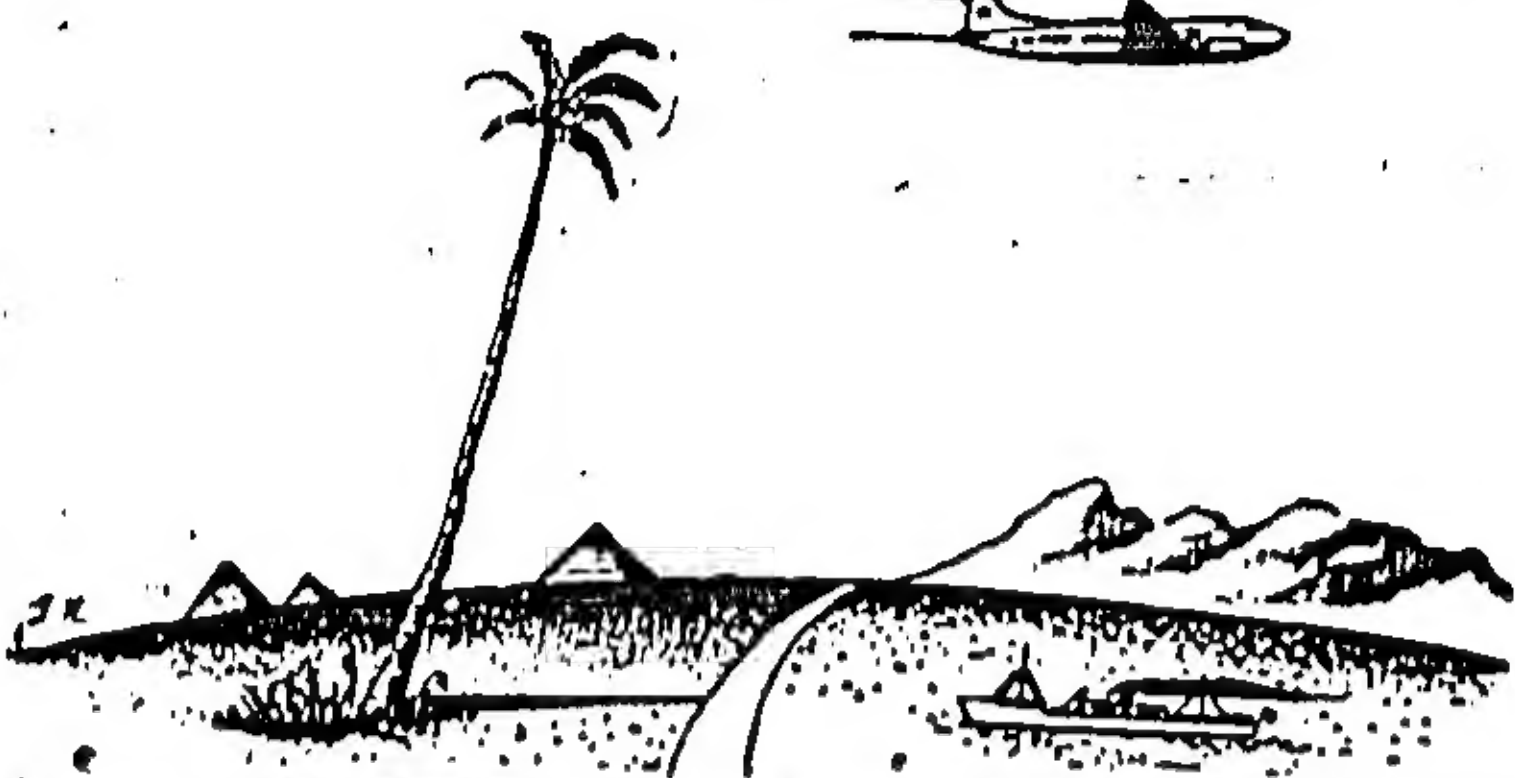
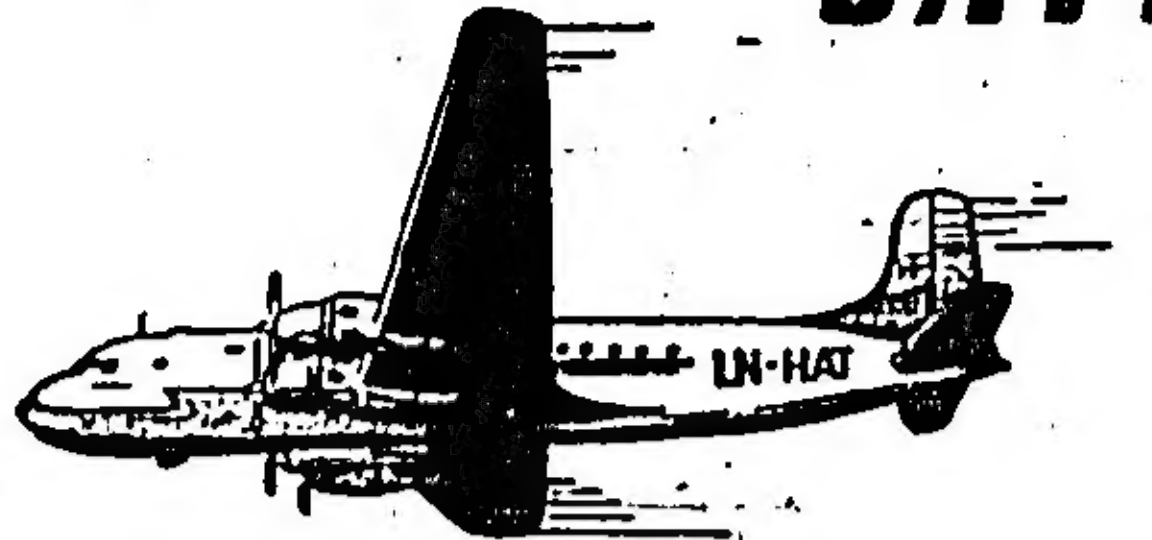
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# RED MENACE IN SINGAPORE

## Whispering Campaign On Threatened Uprising

### European Women From Batu Arang Evacuated

Singapore, July 14.

Police and troops in a 16-hour operation in the Baling area of Kedah today burned down eight houses, occupied by Communists. An armed Chinese was wounded during the raid. One man who tried to escape into the jungle was fired on. He was seen falling down a precipice and is believed to have been killed.

In Kuala Lumpur, it was announced today that, in spite of the present terrorism, there are only two strikes in Malaya both on Johore rubber estates and involving only 78 workers.

The Free Press reported that terrorists raided the village of Ulu Yam, 50 miles from Kuala Lumpur and killed five villagers before they got away.

The paper said that the police station was not attacked.

The terrorists killed three men and one woman and wounded two others one of whom died later. The paper said that most of the villagers fled into the jungles.

Despatches from Ipoh today said a joint military police patrol killed two Chinese Communist guerrillas during a raid on a Communist hide-out.

The despatches said police believe the raid hide-out was a hut in the Siputeh area, 12 miles from Ipoh—was used as a base by guerrillas who had terrorized the area for months.

### K.M.T. Man Killed

Another Ipoh despatch said guerrillas last night shot dead Chan Ming-kong, a Kuomintang Party member and shopkeeper at Tanjong Tuaiang, 24 miles from Ipoh.

Meanwhile, a whispering campaign spread through Singapore today that the Communists are about to launch a wave of terrorist killings in the heart of this Far Eastern metropolis.

## Cuckoo In The Nest

King's Winford, July 14. Labour stalwarts of this Staffordshire community covered their confusion with fitting civility today—they've found out the 16-year-old lovely they had acclaimed Socialist beauty queen at a Party rally is a Conservative.

Daughter of one of the county's most prominent Conservatives, schoolgirl Crystal Nash got into the contest preliminaries by mistake. She decided to go through with it and won the title easily at the rally on Saturday.

Some 3,000 cheered the choice among them Labour War Minister Emanuel Shinwell and Air Secretary Arthur Henderson.

With the comment "at any rate she has pluck," local Labour Party officials stuck to the bargain saying Crystal will get her prize—a permanent wave paid for out of Party funds.—Associated Press.

## New Dutch Government

The Hague, July 14. The Regent of the Netherlands, Princess Juliana, has asked Dr. Louis J. M. Beel, the Dutch Prime Minister, to form a new Cabinet.

The results of the elections showed little change apart from a slight swing to the right and a set-back for the Communists, but the Labour-Catholic Coalition now disposes of about 59 instead of 61 seats.

This is not enough to secure the two-thirds-majority necessary for a constitutional change and interest therefore centres upon whether Dr. Beel will form a Cabinet on a broader basis.—Reuter.

## MARSHALL AID FOR TRIESTE

London, July 14. Distribution of Marshall aid to the Free Territory of Trieste will be in the hands of the Commander-in-Chief of the Anglo-American forces in the territory, a Foreign Office spokesman disclosed today.

Only the Anglo-American Zone will get the aid. There will be none to the Yugoslav occupation area.

Yugoslavia rejected the offer of Marshall aid last year, and this rejection also disqualified that country's Zone in Trieste, it was pointed out.—Reuter.

Sir Franklin Gimson, the Island Governor, is armed with sweeping new crisis powers approved yesterday to meet this threat if it materialises.

The Governor-in-Council now has authority to suppress or modify any or all provisions of the written law, impose a curfew, detain any person for two years, restrict individual movement and hold secret trials.

### Women Leaving

Meanwhile, the evacuation of women and children from threatened areas in Malaya continues.

All but three European women have been evacuated from the Batu Arang coalfields to Kuala Lumpur, the Federation capital, and child refugees from Pahang state arrived safely in Singapore.

Police and troops made further sweeps through the jungle and inhabited settlements today in search of Communist terrorists responsible for Monday's attack on Batu Arang coalmines and other outrages.

Among a number of arrests yesterday, police seized Lew Wal-chong, a wartime commander of Malaya's underground resistance army.—Reuter, United Press and Associated Press.

## FREEDOM OF SPEECH ENDANGERED IN CHINA

The American-owned Evening Post editorially declared today that if the proposed revision of China's law of publication was adopted by the Legislative Yuan, freedom of speech would be "almost non-existent in this country."

Shanghai, July 15.

The paper enumerated the provisions of the law whereby all publications, "presumably including foreign news agencies," violating the rules could be banned permanently or for specified periods.

The editorial pointed out there are two important aspects of the proposed revision of the law. Firstly, the provisions of the law, as enumerated, are subject to wide interpretation which may cover any criticism of the Government or any Government officials. Secondly, the law makes the entire procedure of the banning of a paper and interpreting the law an administrative crisis.

The full extent of authority is vested in the Ministry of Interior and in the local (country) municipal and provincial governments subject to review of the Ministry of Interior.

"In other words, if the Ministry of Interior should declare a paper has violated any of the provisions it may ban the circulation of the paper permanently or temporarily.

"Local governments also are given wide administrative power in interpreting and enforcing the law."

The editorial added that if the law is adopted by the Legislative Yuan, the Ministry

of Interior "will be given a new lease of life as China's supreme press lord."

Last May 1 the Truth News Agency in Nanking was suspended for a fortnight by the Ministry for alleged violation of the publication law. The same news agency again was reported to be due for suspension at the time when the Government permanently banned the Nanking edition of the Hsin Min Pao which was charged with pro-Communist propaganda. However, the reported "disciplinary action" against the Agency was not ordered.

Meanwhile, several Chinese newspapers, including the influential Ta Kung Pao in Shanghai, editorially demanded thorough revision of the publication law, taking enforcement out of administrative hands to judicial organs.—United Press.

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## Senior Officers Arrested

Shanghai, July 15. Four high-ranking Shanghai Woosung Garrison Command officials were taken into custody yesterday for alleged involvement in black market activities, according to Chinese press reports today.

They included Col. Chang Yuh-min, Chief of the Economic Affairs Department, the reports added.

The four officers, whose duties were chiefly to look after the finance and commodity markets and to curb disturbances in the economic situation here, were alleged to have themselves perpetrated all kinds of economic offences, including speculation in the share market, transactions in gold bars and American dollars and manipulation of commodity prices.

According to information received by the Ministry of National Defence, the officers amassed great fortunes for themselves. They are now expected to be sent to Nanking for investigation.—Reuter.

## Expensive Taxi Ride

San Francisco, July 14. Mr. Bernal P. Jain, a Calcutta merchant, had a \$520 taxi trip before leaving here by trans-continental plane en route for India.

Mr. Jain's costly taxi trip was made from Chicago to San Francisco and took seven days for the 2,000 miles. Mr. Jain said he had made the trip by taxi because he thought it would be a good way of seeing the country.

"I just hailed the cab," he said, "and told the driver to go. When I convinced him I was serious, he asked me if I wouldn't mind a slight delay while he picked up his wife and brought her along. The three of us had a lot of fun."—Reuter.

## Kashmir Investigation

New Delhi, July 14.

The Indian Government is asking a five-man United Nations Commission to make a personal investigation of India's complaint that Pakistan has intervened in Kashmir, it was learned unofficially today.

It is understood that India is thinking of taking back its nine-months offer of a plebiscite in Kashmir, since fighting is continuing in the princely state.—United Press.

## ACTRESS DIES

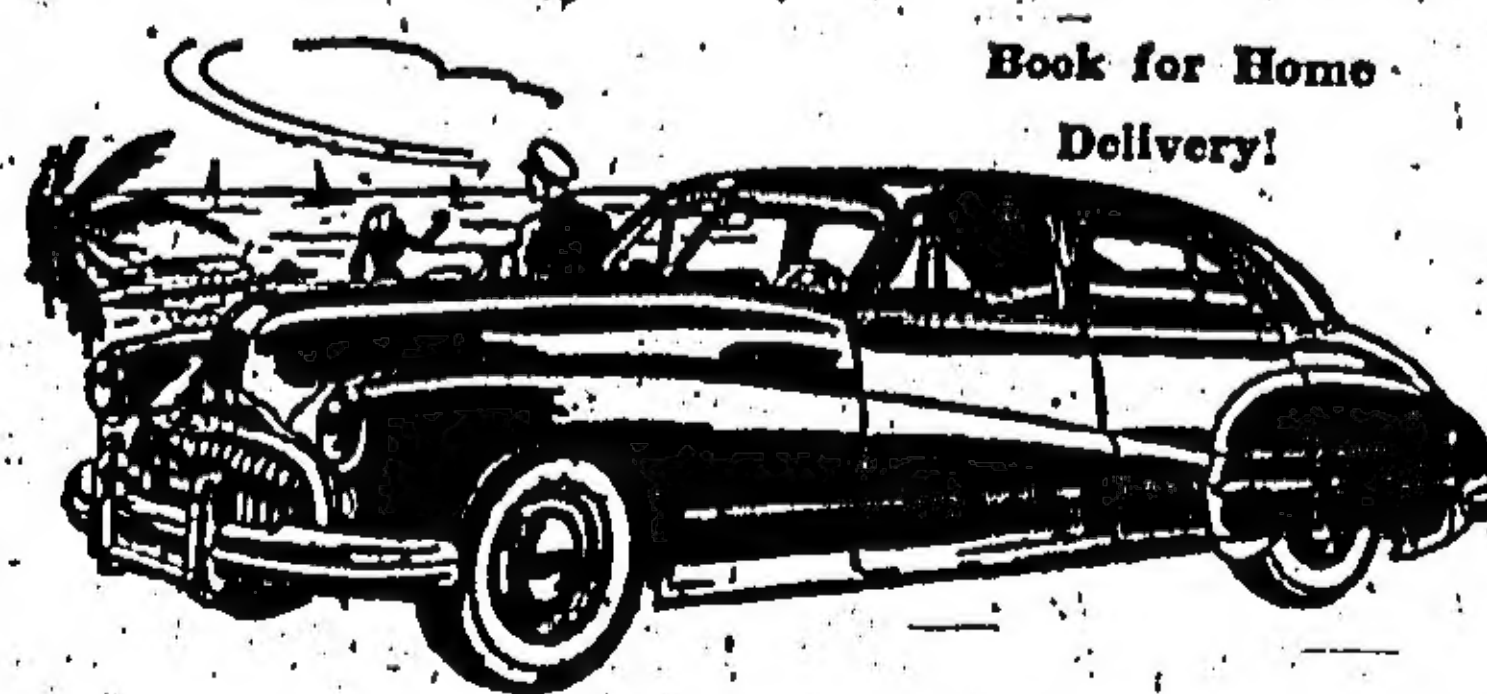
Touzac, July 14. Margerite Morano, 77, leading French character actress, died early today at her home here of pneumonia. She had been ill for a month.

Her last film appearance was in Sartre's "Les Jeux sont Fais" made in 1947. She recently appeared in a variety programme at a Paris theatre.—United Press.

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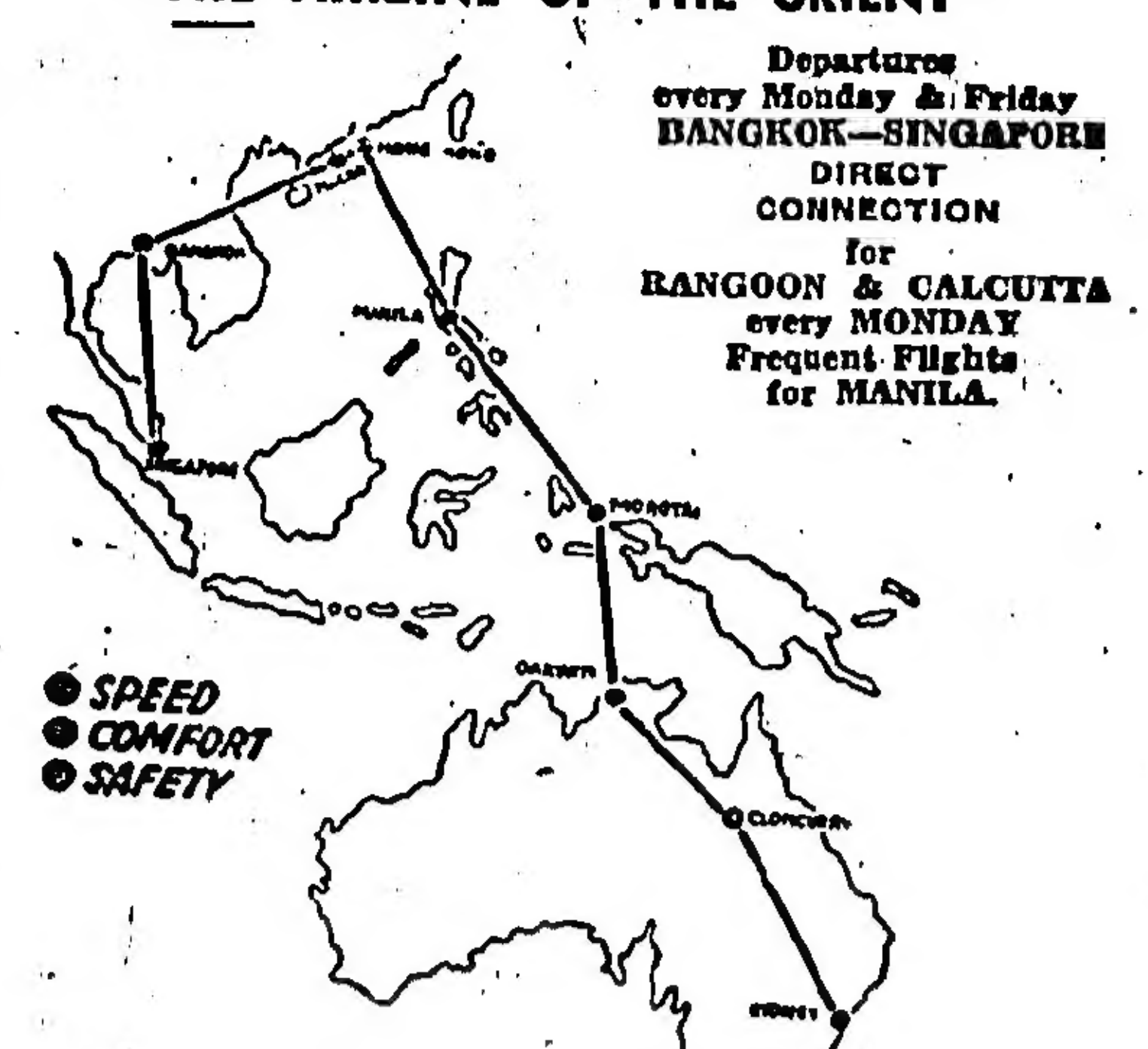
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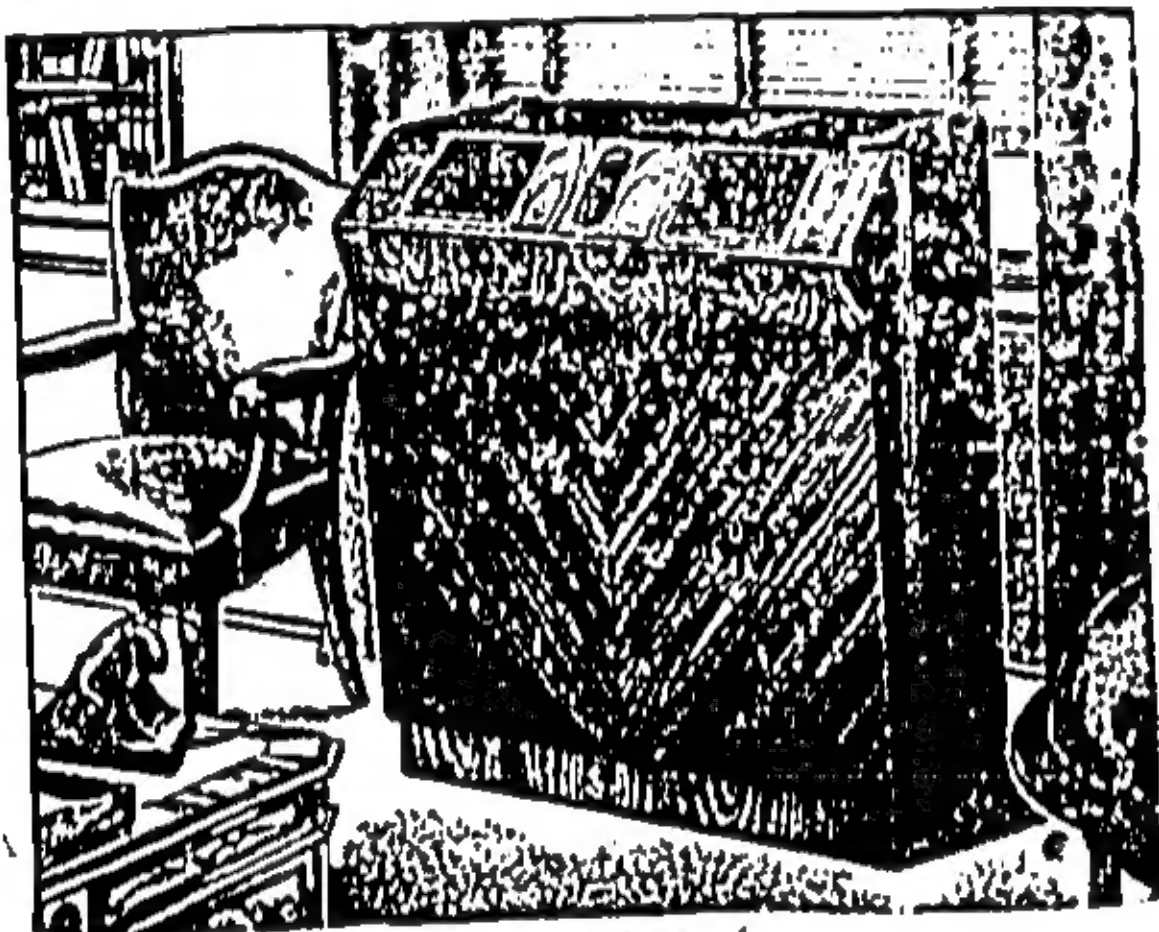
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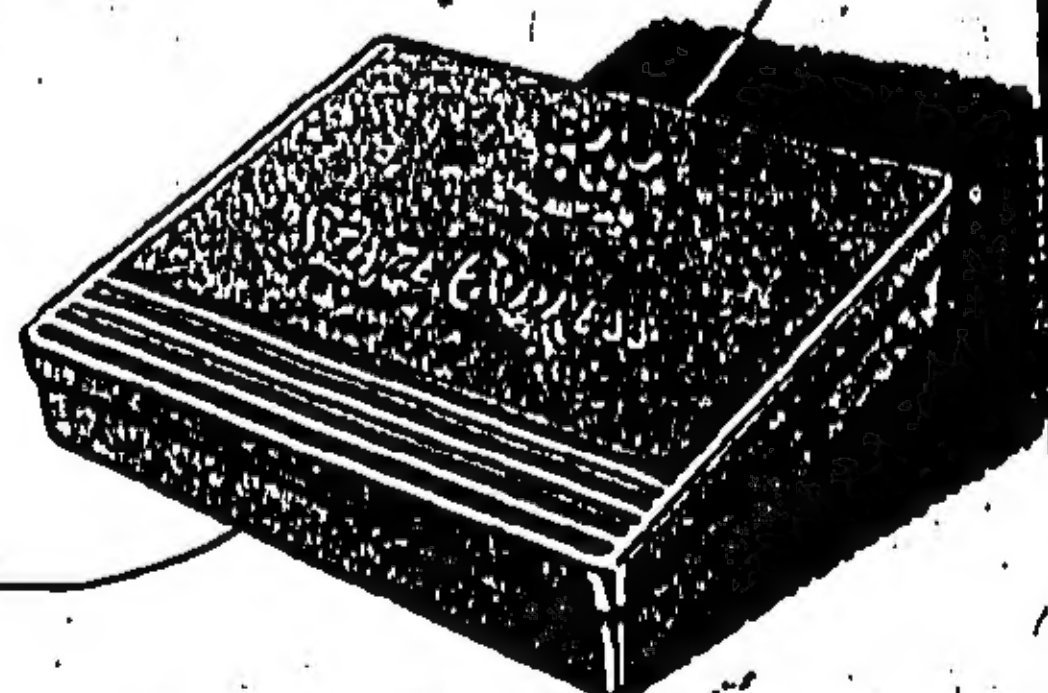
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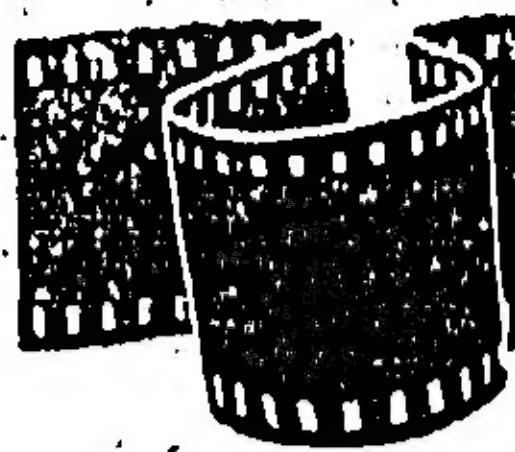
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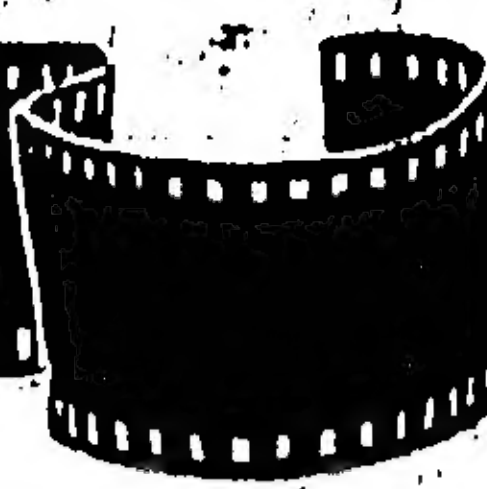
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"I Became A Criminal"



Nancy (Griffith Jones) is using Sally (Sally Gray) as a shield in the gang battle which is the climax of "I Became A Criminal", a Warner Bros. film showing at the Queen's next week.

## NEW COMEDIES COMING FROM BRITAIN

After a fairly long spell of films of the heavy, dramatic type, humour has returned to the London screen. Soon after the light comedy romance of "Spring in Park Lane" came the premiere of "Miranda", a comic fantasy.

Miranda is a mermaid who makes the acquaintance of a young London doctor, on a fishing holiday on the coast of Cornwall, England's most south westerly county. It is her greatest wish to see London, and she persuades him to take her with him.

And so, with her fishtail hidden beneath a long dress, Miranda, ostensibly a cripple, goes to stay with him and his charming wife in their flat. Actually she is so lovely and flirtatious that a number of men are wildly distracted by her.

Although the film script is adapted from a stage-play, it is the film which, by its unlimited technical possibilities, can make the widest possible use of the subject. It can, for instance,

construct such situations as the one in the zoo where, while the sea-lions are being fed with fish, Miranda, watching from her bath-chair, manages to snatch and devour one of the fish, to the amusement of the bystanders.

### Humour History

"Miranda" is a welcome reminder of the great tradition of humour in English literature, theatre and art. English caricaturists since Hogarth, English comedies since those of Shakespeare and the Restoration playwrights, satirical literature since Dean Swift, are known to the world over. The cinema in Britain does well if it carries on this tradition in its own way and con- presents to world audiences film entertainment of the finest type.

A number of promising humorous films have already been made in Britain. Before World War II Anthony Asquith filmed Terence Rattigan's irresistibly funny comedy "French Without Tears". Even better known as a world success was Asquith's adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion", with the brilliant performance by the late, unforgettable Leslie Howard. Another achievement was Olive Brook's "On Approval", based on Frederick Lonsdale's play.

### "Blithe Spirit"

These, however, were not films in which the special possibilities of camera trick technique were exploited with the ingenuity shown in "Miranda". An outstanding example of the use of this technique, possible on the screen only, was "Blithe Spirit". Noel Coward's comedy filmed in Technicolor during the war years.

Here trick technique "brings to life" the spirit of a dead woman and confronts her with her former husband and his second wife. The film became world famous.

But actually it is true enough to say that almost every British film includes some humorous character. Even in a thriller like the recently released "Snowbound" we meet Stanley Holloway in a disarmingly funny part, or enacting a part on a stage.

Francis L. Sullivan in the tense story of an air disaster in "Broken Journey". Film studios in Britain are in the fortunate position of being able to draw on a wealth of comedians of the finest order.

## Hollywood "Business"

By Patricia Clary

The trouble with Hollywood, says Sir Cedric Hardwicke, is that it talks about the movie "industry" instead of the movie "art."

Picture people talk about themselves in commercial terms, Sir Cedric said. He thinks it would help along their artistic ambitions if they'd overhaul their vocabulary to give it a cultural slant.

"For example, we always speak of the film 'industry' or the movie 'business'," he pointed out.

"When we discuss plays, books and stories which may be made into pictures we call them 'material'. We refer to the result of the efforts of our actors, directors and artisans as 'product'."

"It sounds like we are talking about the operations of a factory."

### Play Is All

Sir Cedric doesn't underestimate the importance of a dollar in creative endeavors in Hollywood, or Broadway or in struggling artist's garret.

"They count the house on Broadway, too," he added. "Broadway people talk about 'show biz' too, but I don't find that their shop talk has as much of the commercial idiom as has Hollywood's."

"It has always seemed significant to me that we 'play' in the theatre, but 'work' in the movies."

Sir Cedric personally agrees, however, that making movies is real work. He says it's much more of a physical strain than enacting a part on a stage.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

"THE BIG CLOCK" (Queen's).

Stars: Ray Milland, Charles Laughton, Maureen O'Sullivan.

Story: Even Earl Janoth (Charles Laughton), head of a vast publishing concern, is subject to the whims of women. In a vicious rage he one day kills his "protege" in her flat, and knows that the only danger to himself is from a man whose shadow he saw as he left the building. He tells off his crime editor, George Stroud (Ray Milland) to track down this man, and poor George has to do a convincing job of tracking down himself, without letting either the police or Janoth know just who the man in the flat was. Ray Milland is a past master in the art of being severely haunted and yet managing to rise above it to cope with the situation. Maureen O'Sullivan, in a belated return to the screen, is adequately wide-eyed as Mrs. Stroud. (Paramount).

up with a gang of black marketeers run by Nancy (Griffith Jones). Later he tries to back out, and is framed by the gang and imprisoned. In prison he is visited by Sally (Sally Gray), Nancy's girlfriend, who wants him to revenge Nancy's desertion of her. Morgan escapes, and through an accident is accused of a murder which he did not commit. In desperation he hides the gang in their Soho hide-out, knowing that only Nancy can clear him, and manages to force a showdown in the end. This film is a new departure for all of the top stars, especially for Trevor Howard (the gentle doctor of "Brief Encounter") and Griffith Jones (the gentle squire of "The Wicked Lady"), and is firmly realistic—almost too much so. (Warner Bros.).

## CINE MODITIES

"IT HAD TO BE YOU" (King's).

Stars: Ginger Rogers, Cornel Wilde.

Story: The stars are more important. The story is a muddle about an Indian complex suffered by Victoria Stafford (Ginger) which makes all her dream men Indians, and has the unfortunate result of materialising one of her dreams into Indian "George McGee" (Wilde) who very definitely persists in his attentions. She is not deterred when she meets her Indian in a business suit, in the person of fireman Johnny Blaine (yes, Wilde again). Somehow it all straightens out. Australian actor Ron Randall has his best Hollywood role to date as the man Victoria might have married but didn't before the Indians struck. (Columbia).

"LURED" (Lee).

Stars: George Sanders, Lucille Ball, Charles Coburn.

Story: This is an intriguing drama with, for the most part, unusual twist. Scotland Yard is puzzled to tatters about the murders of eight beautiful girls who answered Personal ads, and disappeared. They enlist the aid of Sandra Carpenter (Lucille Ball), to answer any future ads, and "see what happens." Plenty does before Sandra manages to track down the real murderer—after having suspected half a dozen innocent bystanders and onlookers—and win the love of a good man (played, in his own unmatched cynicism and aloof way, by George Sanders). In Hollywood, crime seems to have paid so successfully that it is even becoming intelligent. (United Artists).

"IVY" (King's).

Stars: Joan Fontaine, Herbert Marshall, Richard Ney.

Story: "Ivy" is a plush-covered murder which just escapes being mellerdrammer. Ivy Lexton (Joan Fontaine) loves money more than her husband, so she plans to murder him and have a persistent adulter convict of the murder, and thus be free to enjoy the delights which wealthy Miles Rushworth (Herbert Marshall) can provide. The flaw in this operation is that the investigating Inspector Orpington (Sir Cedric Hardwicke) happens to have instincts which tell him that Dr. Grotowicz (Patric Knowles) is innocent and Ivy guilty. He pursues his investigations on this line, and Ivy meets her just deserts rather stickily at the bottom of a lift shaft. Joan Fontaine is flawlessly beautiful as Ivy, and manages to be a convincing murderer without antagonising anybody. (Universal International).

"I BECAME A CRIMINAL" (Queen's).

Stars: Sally Gray, Trevor Howard.

Story: Clem Morgan (Trevor Howard), ex-R.A.F. officer, joins

PRINCESS KANZA Omar, a professional dancer who claims descent from the house of Prince Mohammed, High Priest of Syria, plays a role in "The Bishop's Wife," a Samuel Goldwyn production starring Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven for RKO Radio release.

CARY GRANT whose real name was Archibald Leach, was boasting to Myrna Loy on the set before RKO Radio's "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House," that he had become an uncle for the fifth time and that the baby would be named Cary. "Which means your English relations have given you a new Leach on life," Myrna quipped.

FRED MacMURRY, while filming "The Miracle of the Bells," a Jesse L. Lasky-Walter MacEwen production for RKO Radio release, told about the newly rich Hollywoodite who built a home with three swimming pools. One pool had cold water, the second warm water, and the third no water at all. "Some of my best friends can't swim a stroke," was the way the third pool was explained.

"The Big Clock" (Paramount).

The evidence of the "Big Clock" has convicted Earl Janoth (Charles Laughton) of murder, and his efforts to escape from George Stroud (Ray Milland) and the accusations of his secretary, Hyacinth (Sally Gray) only bring about his final downfall. (Paramount).

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Jervie Lexton (Richard Ney) and his loving wife, Ivy (Joan Fontaine) in the balloon festival, where Ivy meets a wealthy man for whom she is willing to murder her husband. (Universal-International)

## Current Shows

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LEE: "Cheyenne" Wild West

drama, with Dennis Morgan

and Jane Wyman. (Warner

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STAR: "Dark Passage", starring

Humphrey Bogart and

Lauren Bacall in a huntin'

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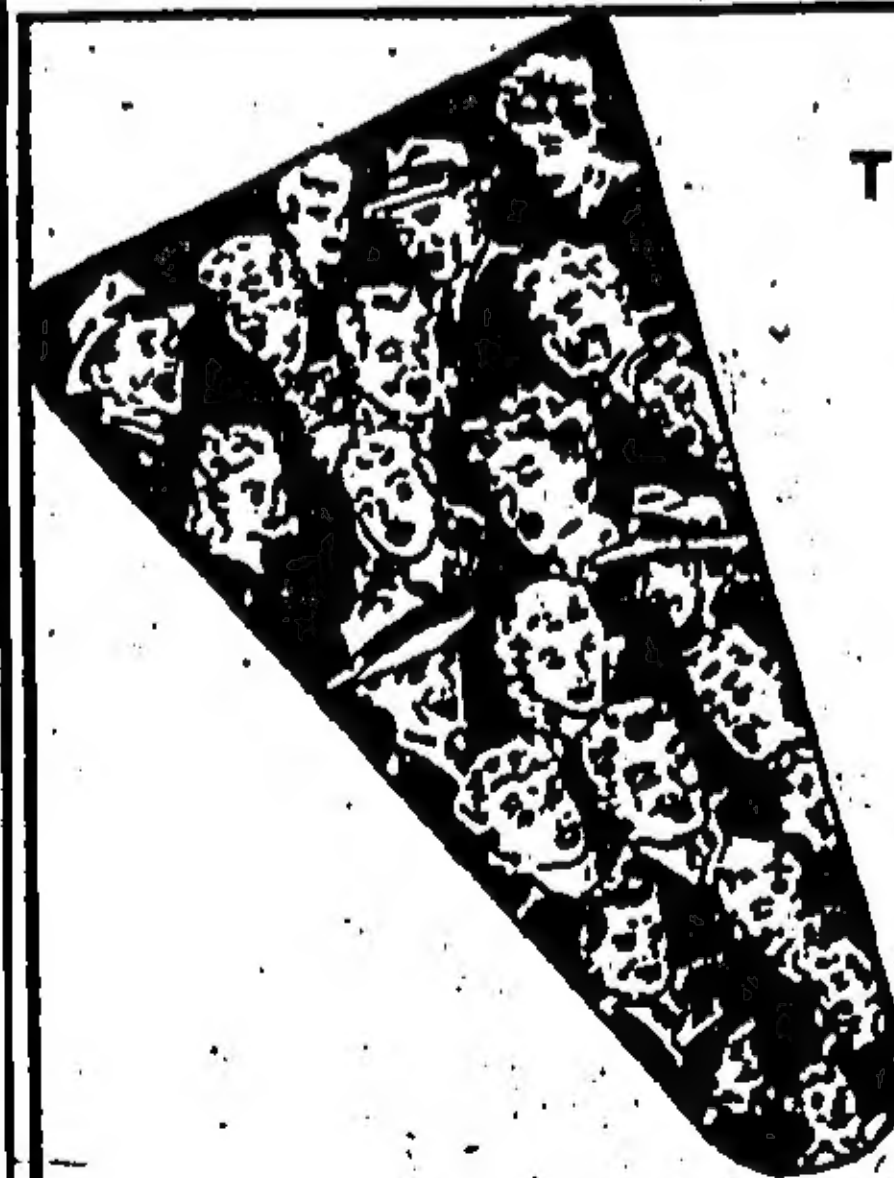
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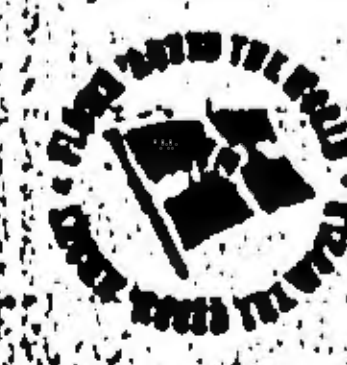
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# JAPAN'S FOOD SHORTAGE

## With Needs Likely To Increase

Washington, July 14.

Japan will be required to import about 2,200,000 metric tons of food in the fiscal year 1949, and has little prospect of becoming self-supporting in the foreseeable future unless other Far Eastern countries overcome their reluctance to aid in the development of Japanese industries and maritime activity.

These conclusions were made in a U.S. Department of the Army report on food conditions in Japan and Korea, and factors affecting Far Eastern food procurement, made public today.

The report, which followed an inspection tour by two officers through the Far East last April and May, predicted that Korea should be self-sufficient in food after December, 1948, if the present drought does not continue.

Other conclusions revealed were:

1. Japanese food import requirements will tend to increase rather than decrease because of increasing population.

2. The degree of control exercised over the distribution of food in Japan is more stringent than in any other country in the world.

3. Of the 2,200,000 metric tons of food imports required for Japan in the 1949 fiscal year, 1,050,000 tons should be cereals or cereal substitutes.

4. Korea may be able to export a small amount of rice in the calendar year 1949 "if crop conditions are favourable and the political situation is stable."

5. The increasing amounts of food for Japan which will become available in the Far East in 1949 should be procured to the maximum and tied in closely with the Japanese export programme.

The report said that the obstacles to the development of Japanese industrial and maritime activity needed to make the islands self-supporting were:

1. Reluctance of other Far Eastern countries to assist Japanese recovery (particularly in the Philippines and China).

2. "Intense nationalism on the part of Asiatic countries and their determination to achieve national self-sufficiency."

3. Currency restrictions and limitations on the travel of Japanese businessmen.

4. "A growing tendency on the part of Asiatic countries toward Government controlled economies."

In examining the trade prospects for Japan with other Far Eastern countries, the report urged that trade missions be exchanged with both Burma and Siam.

"Because of the policy of governmental control over foreign trade, Burma would not welcome individual Japanese traders, but is receptive to Government trading."

Trade prospects were found to be most favourable with Siam because of the lack of Siamese animosity towards the Japanese and the continued need for manufactured goods. The report added: "Siam is ready to send a trade delegation to Japan. A similar delegation from Japan to Siam sent at an early date would meet with a friendly reception."

—Reuter.

**Factories for Philippines**

Manila, July 14.

A large New York manufacturing company will establish factories in the Philippines for the production of children's garments. An agreement to this effect may be concluded this month between the American firm and the Government-owned National Development Company. It was reported today.

It is proposed to establish a central factory in Manila and branch units in a number of provinces, especially in centres of population.—Reuter.

**CHAOS-BREEDING POLICY**

Washington, July 14.

In an editorial on Soviet policy in Korea, the evening "Star" said today that that policy "is of course part of its worldwide pattern of chaos-breeding obstruction."

"The Russians are trying to get what they want by wearing us down," it said. "We can only remain firm and refuse to be worn down."

"Through the Communist-dominated puppet regime in the Red occupation zone, the Soviet Union is showing no let-up in its effort to frustrate the United Nations in Korea."—United Press.

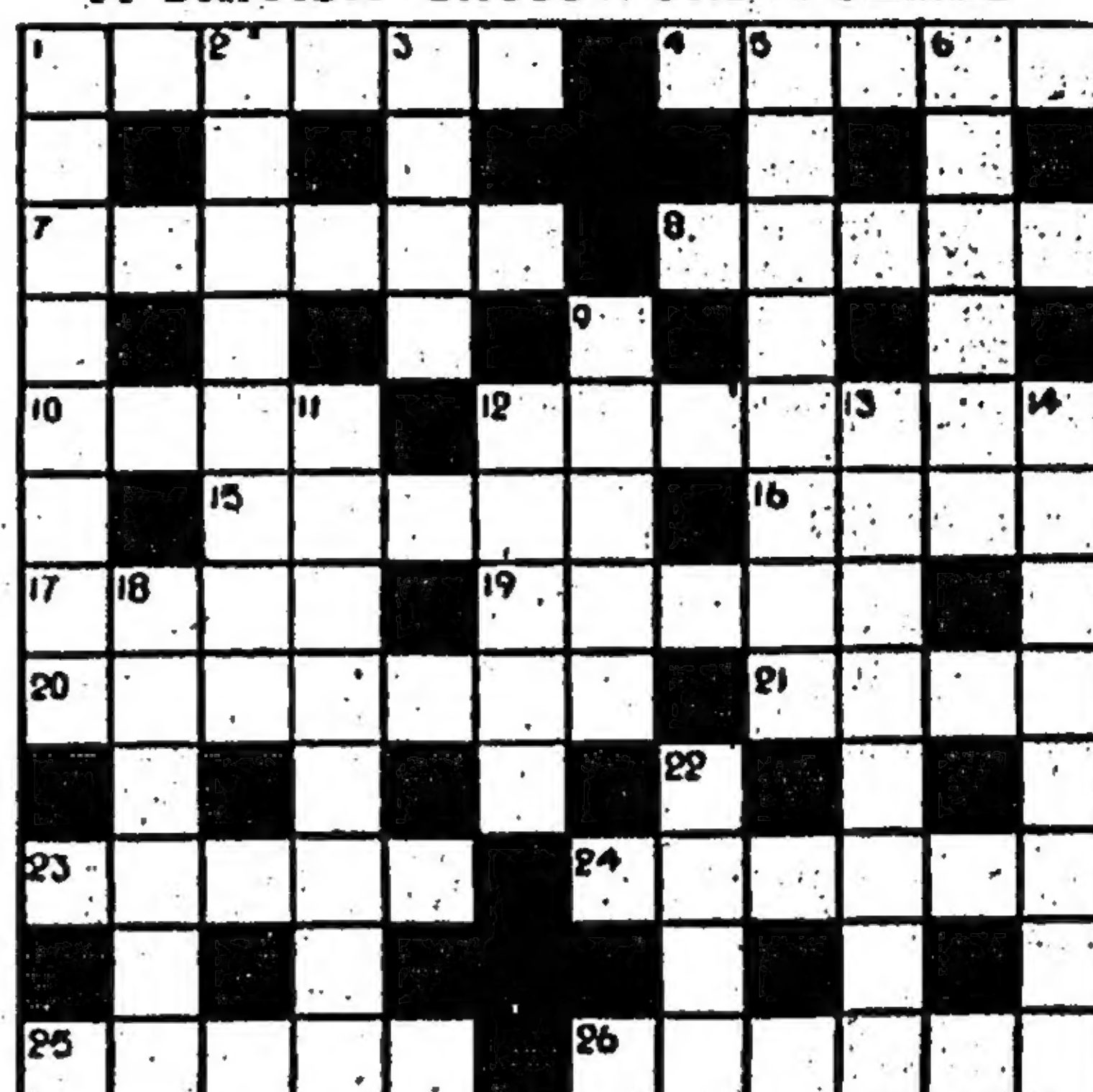
**STUDENT SHOTS GIRL-FRIEND**

Seattle, July 14.

A 42-year-old University of Washington art student today shot and killed the highest-ranking woman officer of the 13th Naval District during a lovers' quarrel and then critically wounded himself.

The coroner, Mr. John Brill, said that Vernon S. Allen was rushed to hospital in critical condition after shooting attractive WAVE Lt.-Cmdr. Margaret Jones, 41, because she refused to marry him.

Lt.-Cmdr. Jones died almost instantly.—United Press.

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1 Violent dislike.  
 4 Minimum.  
 7 Gaol.  
 8 Sheen.  
 10 Solitary.  
 12 Bunch.  
 13 Bright light.  
 16 Volume.

**Clues Down**

1 Desperate.  
 2 Three-sided figure.  
 3 Black.  
 5 Joined up.  
 6 Method.  
 9 Lucid.  
 11 Stretch basket.  
 12 Angler's bait.  
 13 Deluges.  
 14 Breathes.  
 18 Deceive.  
 22 Rescue.

Yesterday's Crossword  
 Across:—3 Demolish, 8 Assault, 9 Assigned, 11 Redolent, 12 Stun, 13 Scrub, 16 Totem, 19 Able, 22 Pastoral, 24 Revellie, 25

Down:—1 Parry, 2 Aside, 3 Dialect, 4 Ease, 5 Omit, 6 Innate, 7 Hiding, 10 Snout, 14 Royal, 15 Beaters, 16 Parrot, 17 Clover, 20 Tread, 21 Cling, 22 Pips, 23 Shoe.

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Arrivals	Departures
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London, July 14.

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He saw no danger, however, of a general slump or mass unemployment resulting from Government's success so far in mopping up surplus money in high taxes and other controls. Nor, he said, is there any case yet for relaxing or controls.

Sir Stafford said that the overall effect is not very marked yet, and there is nothing in it to cause surprise or alarm. Indeed, it is only the first step in the direction in which we have to go. "We get no reason to regret that these things are happening; they are in fact just what we wish to bring about. Certainly, we have not yet reached the point where we should consider steps to counteract it."

He said there has been an appreciable slackening in the home demand for electric clocks, radio sets, electrical appliances, carpet sweepers, certain kinds of clothing, leather goods, wines and spirits and expensive tinned foods.

Some non-essential factories have had to discharge workers, he said, but unemployment still totalled only 274,000. Only if unemployment should pass the half million mark, would Government consider relaxing controls.

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Currency Plan

He said that the 16 Marshall plan nations of Western Europe are discussing a plan whereby all European currencies would be freely convertible one for another to encourage intra-

## Money Market

Gold had another brisk day yesterday, opening at \$328.00 a ton, rising to \$330.00 and closing at \$330.00 at 11th interval. In the afternoon it went up to \$332.50, the highest rate of the day. Profit-taking brought the price down to \$329.37 1/2 at the close.

Deliveries totalled 5,000 toles, of which 1,000 were official and 4,000, unofficial.

Plastics climbed to \$11.80 a 100, after opening at \$11.65, but fell back to \$11.57 at the close.

Chinese National Currency was on the down grade yesterday. Futures opened at 14 1/2 cents (for CN\$10,000), went up to 14-5/8 cents, and then dropped to 14-1/2 cents. Spot dropped to 14 1/2 cents after opening at 14 1/2 cents.

Stamps were unchanged at \$25.80 a 100, as also were NSE Guilders at \$45.20 a 100.

U.S. dollars eased off to \$5.43 1/2.

Sterling appreciated to \$14.15, while Australian pounds remained unchanged at \$10.85.

## SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London: Silver, Spot fine ounce 45d; Forward 45d.

Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 118/3.

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked) 74-7 1/2 cts.

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The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, told a press conference today that the Government believes it has stopped the inflationary spiral in Britain.

Not only has the cost of living index been stable for the past 12 months, he said, but some non-essential industries have run into sales resistance and other difficulties.

European trade, he said that the scheme would operate outside the Bank for International Settlements, but declined to go into details.

Sir Stafford conceded that Marshall aid might keep up prices which Britain has to pay in the world markets, because it would increase the demand for scarce goods.

He said that Egyptian cotton prices have risen 60 per cent since the beginning of the year because so many countries are seeking non-dollar cotton. "Russia is a very heavy buyer," he said.

He said that he had an "extremely satisfying and very helpful" talk with the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. J. B. Chifley.

He said: "We clarified for one another the economic position of our countries. He has promised to assist in our difficulties in every way."—United Press.

## Demand For Food

He said: "London theatres are running through a bad period and cinema queues are noticeably shorter than they were 12 months ago. More expensive restaurants are no longer crowded out, but there is still a large unsatisfied demand for most kinds of food; rations are being taken up in full and there is no evidence of ration points remaining unspent."

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Buenos Aires: Sovereign, 95.00; Dollar, 102.00; U.S. Eagles, 155.00; 175.00; U.S. Bar, Per Gramme, 9.80; 10.90.

Bangkok: Gold, Bar per baht-weight of 16.244 Grammes unquoted. Exchange Rate (Selling). Bangkok on New York T.T. 20, 25; London 69.50; Hong Kong 240.

## London Stock Exchange

London, July 14.

SECURITIES:  
British Consols, 2 1/2% 104 1/2  
Conversion Loan, 3 1/2% 104 1/2  
Sinking Loan, 4 1/2% 105 1/2  
War Loan, 5 1/2% 105 1/2  
War Loan, 5 1/2% 105 1/2  
Victory Bonds, 6 1/2% 105 1/2  
Railway Shares:  
British Railways, 5% 54 1/2  
British American Tobacco (of G.I. & Ireland) 5 1/2  
Dunlop Rubber Co. ord. 62 1/2  
Imperial Chemical Ind. ord. 48 1/2  
Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.I. & Ireland) 5 1/2  
TEA SHARES:  
Assam Consolidated Tea 22 1/2  
Assam Frontier Tea 22 1/2  
Assam Tea Company 22 1/2  
Dooars Tea Company 22 1/2  
Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co. 22 1/2  
Imperial Tea Company 22 1/2  
MINE SHARES:  
Burmah Corp. 3 1/2  
Crown Mines 3 1/2  
Manganese Mines 3 1/2  
Rand Mines 3 1/2  
Spring Mines 3 1/2  
Rub Nigle 3 1/2  
Teyatey Tea Co. 3 1/2  
Union Corporation 3 1/2  
OH. SHARES:  
Royal Dutch Co. 22 1/2  
Shell Transport & Trading Co. 22 1/2  
SHIPPING:  
P. & O. Steam Nav. Co. ord. 52 1/2  
GILDEDGE:  
Funtling Loan, 5% 104 1/2  
National War Bonds, 3 1/2% 100 1/2  
1946/51 101 1/2  
1952/54 102 1/2  
1964/66 101 1/2  
1951/53 103 1/2  
Savings Bonds:  
1955/59 101 1/2  
1960/70 101 1/2  
1964/75 101 1/2  
Eachword Bonds, 3 1/2% 100 1/2  
1946/51 101 1/2  
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1951/53 103 1/2  
FOREIGN BONDS:  
German Loan (Dawes), 7% 7 1/2  
Japanese 6 1/2% 107 1/2  
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Yan. & Manchuria Rly. 6 1/2% 102 1/2  
BANKS:  
Chartered Bank of I.A. & C. 11 1/2  
H.K. & S. Bank (Ord.) 22 1/2  
Netherlands Bank of India "A" 22 1/2  
—Reuter.

## Malaya Tin Duty Questions

London, July 14.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, denied today that the export duty on tin ore in Malaya had been abolished as stated by Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative, in the House of Commons.

"What has been abolished is the additional duty on tin ore exported otherwise than for smelting in certain British territories," he said. "This action was taken because differential export duties of this kind are contrary to the general agreement on tariffs and trade, the provisional application of which to the Federation of Malaya has recently been notified to the Secretary General of the United Nations."

"I was satisfied that the advantages of this action to the Federation of Malaya outweighed the possible disadvantages."

Mr. Gammans asked if this was an "additional duty" which had been abolished and not the ordinary duty, would the Minister say when that additional duty was put on and why?

Mr. Creech Jones replied that he wanted notice of that question.—Reuter.

## CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, July 15.

July and May wheat sunk below 22 1/2, putting them under the Government loan level for cash wheat. Wheat closed unchanged to 4 1/2 lower.

July \$2.27 1/2, September \$2.29-30-31, December \$2.31-32, May \$2.27 1/2, Corn was 1/2 lower to 3 1/2 higher, July \$2.09 1/2-10, Oats were unchanged to 1/2 lower, July 89 1/2, Soybeans were 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 lower, July \$3.87 1/2-88 1/2. Associated Press.

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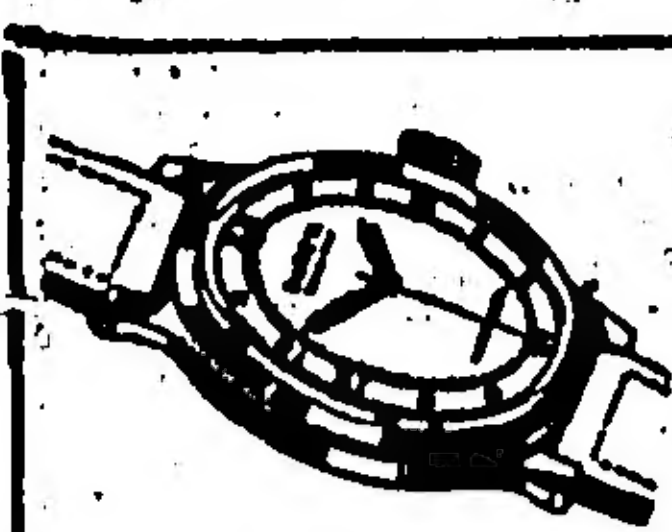
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## BAMBOO SHOOT AND CAVIARE FOR GAMES FOOD PROBLEMS AT OLYMPICS

London, July 14.

As the invasion of London by Olympic competitors from all parts of the world gathers momentum—representatives of more than 20 nations have already taken up residence in the various Olympic camps—the storing and distribution of vast amounts of food becomes a major problem.

The extra food and delicacies brought or being sent by various teams to augment their rations in Britain range from caviare and cream for the Swedes and bamboo shoots for the Chinese to tubes of vitamins for Argentina's competitors and wines and liquors for the Hungarians.

In addition to their cream and caviare, the Swedes are sending 1,500 pounds of sprats—a small fish of the herring family. The Mexicans are hoping that 150 pumpkins and some extra strong Mexican cigarettes will help to keep their athletes in top form.

Advice has been received by the Games organizers in London that a Spanish "provision committee" will arrive from Valencia on Saturday with two and a half tons of food. This will include 500 pounds of ham, 120 pounds of chocolate, 3,750 eggs, 180 litres of brandy and 75 litres of oil.

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT UPSETS

Gustad, July 14.

There were several surprises when the international lawn tennis championships of Switzerland were continued here today in between rain showers which have hampered play since the meeting opened on Monday.

Najar, of Egypt, beat the one-armed Austrian champion, Hans Recl, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 in a second round match of the men's singles, while Coen, also of Egypt, beat C. Boutele, of France, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

The Australian, Frank Sedgman, defeated the Spanish champion, Bartoli, 6-4, 6-1.

In the women's singles, Madame Weiss, of Argentina, beat the Swiss champion, Mlle. Lutz, 6-4, 6-1, while Austria's champion, Madame Kollerschell, fell to Mlle. Madelon, of France, who won 6-8, 6-2, 6-4.—Reuter.

## SURPRISE FOR CHAMPION

Noordwijk, Holland, July 14.

United States' Bob Falkenburg, Wimbledon champion, teaming with his compatriot, Bill Robertson, was surprisingly beaten 6-0 and 6-4 by the French pair, Henri Cochet and Roger Dubuc, in today's International Tennis tournament.

Veteran Cochet, though lacking in speed, still showed some of his mastery of 20 years ago. Argentina's Enrique Morea, who represented England in tournament, beat Holland's Hans van Swol, 6-0, 6-0 and 6-4.—United Press.

## LARGE DIVAN IN PEKING ROAD

When Inspector H. C. Timms raided 29 Peking Road, first floor, on the night of July 14 he found the rear portion fitted out as an opium divan with Chan Shing in charge.

Business for the night had not yet started and so there were no customers on the premises, said Inspector J. Orem when Chan was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with keeping a divan, possession of 52 pots (7.5 mace) opium, and seven opium pipes.

The opium seized, said Inspector Orem, was one of the largest quantities found in a divan and showed that the place must have been well patronized.

Defendants were fined a total of \$425.

## Lawn Bowls Teams For Week-End

FILIPINO CLUB

Filipino Club v. I.R.C. on Saturday, at 4 p.m.:  
L. S. de Silva, R. J. Manalac, J.W. Lee and W. Field (Skip).  
F. Rodriguez, A.Y. Lee, H.Y. Hsu and W. Ogley (Skip).  
C.F. Lee, J. Delgado, John Cotton and Dan Rozario (Skip).  
(I.R.C.)

"A" Div. v. Club de Recreio (Home).  
A.R. Ritchie, A.M. Wahab, S. Yusuf and J. Hosen (Skip).  
M.I. Hasek, K.M. Rumjahn, Rumjahn A.R. Minu and U.A. Rumjahn (Skip).  
M.Y. Adal, A.J. Hussain, M.R. Hassan and A.K. Minu (Skip).  
Hasek and A.B.G.C.

2nd Team v. H.K. Electric (Home) on Saturday, at 4 p.m.:  
F.J. Wigginton, H.A. Lammer, R.A. Atkins and G.E.F. Thompson (Skip).  
R.P. Phillips, M.L. Hardie, J. Kemps and L. Guy (Skip).  
W.F. Bailey, K.C. Hamilton, V.C. Dixon and S.H. Strange (Skip).  
Reserve—J.S. Dinneen.

1st Div. v. Kowloon Cricket Club (Away).  
J.W. Leonard, L.C.R. Souza, A.E. Coates and B.W. Bradbury (Skip).  
J.M. Omar, W. Hong Sling, A.M. Omar and J.S. Landolt (Skip).  
A.A. Razack, M.A. Baptista, K.M. Omar and U.M. Omar (Skip).  
Reserve—J.S. Dinneen.

"B" (Away).  
Francis Lee, H.W. Randall, John Pau and E.S. Franks (Skip).  
A.H. Rumjahn, C.K. Lam, J.N. Wong and A.J. Coelho (Skip).  
J.H. Xavier, G.A. Souza, E. el Arcuelli and M.A. Medina (Skip).  
Reserve—G. Hong Choy and S.A.R. Bus.

H.K.F.C.  
v. K.B.C. at Kowloon 3.30 p.m.:  
F. Poulsen, F. H. Fedt, J. F. Barron and R. C. Butler (Skip).  
J. Gardner and P. O. Mundy, A. W. Hrook, C. E. Burns, J. W. Stonehouse, J. H. Collins, G. W. K. Crawford and J. R. Bottomley (Skip).  
H.K.F.C.

1st Team Kowloon Dock Club (Home) at 3.30 p.m.:  
A. Coleman, B. I. Blackford, C. H. Gough and K. Robertson (Skip).  
J. S. Howell, J. O'Grady, J. Bradley and N. Bebbington (Skip).  
B. A. Mansell, J. Hayward, Dr. J. Selby and L. A. Collier (Skip).  
2nd Team v. Prison Officers Club at Stanley at 4 p.m.:  
R. Barker, A. Bailey, C. Carr and K. Forster (Skip).  
W. Ritchie, T. Morgan, C. Strange and G. Willerton (Skip).  
L. Hamley, L. Strange, T. Walter and J. Dickson (Skip).

The following will represent the Prison Officers' Club against the Hong Kong Football Club in the Second Division "B" match at Stanley on Saturday 4 p.m.:  
A. W. Hrook, C. E. Burns, F. M. Hill and A. J. Shaw, J. V. MacGraith and W. C. Higgs (Skip).  
Corn. W. L. Harrison, L. W. Grace, C. Jamieson and R. G. Robertson (Skip).  
Reserve: J. W. Grant, P. Le Tessor, A. S. Fleming and J. S. Joyce.

H.K.C.C.  
The following will represent the H.K.C.C. against Tai Kok on Saturday commencing at 3.30 p.m. on the Clatter Road ground:  
J. Mout, E. Hosper, W. Williamson, J. Prentice (Skip).  
R. Phillips, E. J. R. Mitchell, R. A. Edwards, A. R. Brown (Skip).  
G. Sewall, L. E. Lammer, R. R. Davies and B. H. Wild. (Skip).  
Reserve: F. D. Angus.

1st Division v. Craigieover C.C. at home at 4.00 p.m.:  
George Lee, S. A. Gray, T. A. Madar, and F. Goodwin (Skip).  
V. C. Labrum, F. E. Shinner, J. M. Forrest and E. C. Fincher (Skip).  
A. J. Kew, T. Lock, J. Orem and C. S. Rossford (Skip).  
2nd Division "A" v. Club de Recreio "A" away:  
J. Tindall, S. E. Trueman, J. Tibble and A. Steven (Skip).  
W. H. Colledge, J. Brezny, R. A. Capell, and A. E. P. Guest (Skip).  
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## WASHBROOK STILL TOP OF AVERAGES

London, July 14.

The leading six positions in County Championship batting:	Runs	Wickets	Average
C. Washbrook	402	181	2.24
T. Pearce	201	4	1.007
Dennis Compton	47	4	1.409
J. Crapp	25	4	1.196
L. Hulton	22	2	1.110
H. Dollery	26	4	1.161

The leading six positions in bowling:	Runs	Wickets	Average
Gladwin	402	181	2.24
J. M. Wardle	407.4	268	1.393
G. Pope	474.4	127	1.099
L. Muncer	798.2	247	1.658
T. Pritchard	636.4	124	1.721

—Reuter.

## DISORDERS SWEEPING THROUGH ITALY

Rome, July 14.

The attempted assassination of Italy's Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, plunged the country into disorders which so far have claimed at least five lives, while a general strike has been called in protest against the shooting.

Doctors reported that the Communist leader had improved slightly after the two bullets had been removed from his body and two quarts of blood transfused into his veins.

Many Italians feared the shooting might lead to an attempt by the extreme left to seize the power it failed to win in the April elections.

The general strike throughout Italy was called by the Communist-led General Labour Confederation to begin at midnight. No time limit was set for the walk-out. It threatened to paralyse Italy's food, transport and industry.

Most industrial cities were already made idle by the wave of strikes which swept the nation. Workers seized the biggest factories in industrial Turin. The Mediterranean city of Plombino was reported in Communist hands.

The Central-Union Committee of the Government-operated railroads approved a "spontaneous" strike.

## Rail Strike Called Off

Ottawa, July 14.

Canadian railway unions today agreed to call off the strike threatened for tomorrow. It was authoritatively stated here today.

They reached an agreement on the basis of a 17 cents an hour increase in wages, to become effective at a date not yet decided. The strike threatened to involve 128,000 railwaymen, paralyse the country's railway network and stop the Canadian exports to Britain.—Reuter.

## TENNIS LEAGUE

Chinese Recreation Club beat Hong Kong Cricket Club by 8 sets to 1 in the First Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

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## WATER POLO

A water polo match between the Victoria Recreation Club and the Navy seven will be played to-night at 8 p.m. in the V.R.C. bath.

Both teams stand high. The Navy won the championship in the recent inter-services water polo league. Admission to the game is free.

## MARKOS OFFERS PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Athens, July 14.

The rebel leader, General Markos Vafiades, today offered to begin peace negotiations with the Government. The offer was made over the rebel radio.

Premier Constantine Tsaldaris and the Minister of War, George Stratos, said they would not discuss peace until the rebels first surrendered unconditionally. This is the second peace offer from Markos in six weeks.

Markos' radio appeal said: "Free Greece at this critical moment again declares that it is ready to accept any honest democratic agreement to help all Greeks."

Meanwhile Greek armies converging on the guerrilla stronghold of the Pindus mountains have tightened the pincers against the rebel leader.

Two branches of the army were said to be only 12 kilometres apart.

On the west the Ninth Army surrounded the key 5,000-ft mountain of Larissa and Yfyllia, north-east of Larissa.

## GRACE CENTENARY: GENTS VS. PLAYERS RAIN INTERFERES AT LORDS

London, July 14.

Rain again affected most of today's county cricket matches and it was not possible to start the Surrey versus Leicestershire game at Kennington Oval, London.

## Queen Ingrid's Accident

Copenhagen, July 14.

Queen Ingrid of Norway, 39, and her two small daughters, Princesses Margrethe, 8, and Anne Marie, 23 months, were reported to be in a satisfactory condition tonight after they suffered superficial injuries in a car accident today.

The Queen was driving the royal car to a bathing beach when sudden rain made the road slippery. The Queen lost control and the car crashed into a tree near the Royal residence at Grasten.

The chauffeur, who was sitting by her side, suffered the worst injuries, a fractured skull and concussion.

A farmer's wife, who was first on the scene, said the Queen was caught between the wheel and the seat but managed to extricate herself.

Although blood was streaming from cuts in her face, she was said to be calm and immediately helped the bleeding and sobbing Princesses from the wrecked car.

It was reported earlier that the Queen had suffered a fractured knee cap.

King Frederik was summoned from the Castle and arrived at the scene of the accident at the same time as three ambulances came up. He went along with his wife and daughters to hospital.—Associated Press.

## Objection To Sale Of 'Ajax'

London, July 15.

The Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, refused to promise in the House of Commons today that Britain would not sell warships to any foreign country occupying British territory.

Such a promise was sought by Sir Ronald Ross, Ulster Unionist, during Question Time in the House. Although he mentioned no country, he obviously had in mind Chile, with whom Britain is negotiating to sell the cruiser Ajax.

Britain contends that Chile is occupying British territory in the Antarctic.

Mr. Mayhew said: "It would serve no useful purpose for the Foreign Secretary to enter into a general undertaking of this nature. Each case should be judged on its merits as it arises."

Mr. Mayhew said: "No, sir. The proper way of dealing with a legal dispute is by normal peaceful and legal methods."—United Press.

## COMMUNIST BREAK "PRETTY DEEP"

Washington, July 15.

Mr. Cavendish W. Cannon, United States Ambassador to Yugoslavia, recommended today a policy of "watchful waiting" towards the differences between Marshal Tito's regime and Communism's leaders.

Mr. Cannon reported to President Truman before returning to his post at Belgrade, later this week. He would not discuss his talk with the President other than to say he had talked about the differences appearing in the Communist front in Eastern Europe.

He said that the break between the Soviet-dominated Cominform and Marshal Tito appeared to be getting "pretty deep."—Reuter.

## CHINESE SOCCER DEFEAT

Calcutta, July 14.

Chinese footballers badly let down their supporters here today in the second exhibition match between the Chinese and the East Bengal local side. The Chinese lost by two goals to nil.

A rain-soaked field also affected the Chinese Olympic team's play. The crowd was seriously annoyed over the Chinese play, which was faulted by fouls.—Associated Press.

On the west the Ninth Army surrounded the key 5,000-ft mountain of Larissa and Yfyllia, north-east of Larissa.

In Larissa, a court martial sentenced two women and 10 men to death and eight others to life in jail. All were accused of being members of the Communist underground.—United Press.

Underground—United Press.

## BRITISH DAKOTA CRASH

Paris, July 14.

Six badly burnt bodies were recovered tonight from the wreckage of a crashed British Dakota which hit the sea near Toulon, France, today. There were no survivors.

The bodies were those of four crew members and two passengers. The plane carried freight from Luga, Malta, and was stated by an air control official at Aix-en-Provence, who reported the crash, to have left Malta this morning for Marseilles.

Earlier, a Wellington aircraft took off from Marnham Airport, near Marseilles, to search for the plane, while aircraft from Toulon Airport also joined in the search.

The French Navy sent vessels from Toulon to explore the passages around the peninsula and a ground search of the hilly cape had been begun.—Reuter.

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